



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# **VIOLA LIUZZO MURDER**

## **PART 3 OF 14**

**FILE NUMBER : 44-28601**

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Date: 3/30/65

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To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.;  
VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

Enclosed are two copies each of the Identification Records of subjects.

The details of the arrests should be obtained and furnished to the Bureau together with the dispositions of the arrests.

Enclosures (8) *incl. w/ly*

ENCLOSURE

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HGR/NC 3/26/65

BUZZO & FLOYD MOTON  
called 6:30 p.m. 3/26/65, advised that a  
Highway Patrol just called on their way to some CR  
workers were ambushed in Monro County, La. (Mrs. Buzzo)  
sent me a letter, been in the hospital, Bu. Indica  
from DE of Motion from Selma Bu. Indica & recent in  
record, identifiable with Buzzo & Moton. May given  
continuous preferred attention to Sullivan keeping Bu  
fully adv. of the situation.

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Mr. Belmont

March 28, 1965

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Hines

1 - Mr. Evanson

1 - Mr. Martindale

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

VIOLATION OF - VICTIM

CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

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At 5:30 a.m., the White House operator called stating he received a telephone call from a person who said he was Mr. Anthony J. Liuzzo, 1837E Marlow, Detroit, Michigan, and stated he was the husband of Mrs. Liuzzo who was killed in Alabama last night and wanted to speak to the President. The White House operator wanted to verify whether or not the caller actually is the victim's husband since if it is the victim's husband the President probably will call him this morning.

The operator was advised that, of course, we had no means of identifying the person who called the White House. However, Mrs. Liuzzo's driver's license shows that she resided at the above address in Detroit and the Detroit City Directory shows that one Anthony J. Liuzzo, whose wife is Viola Liuzzo, resides at the same address.

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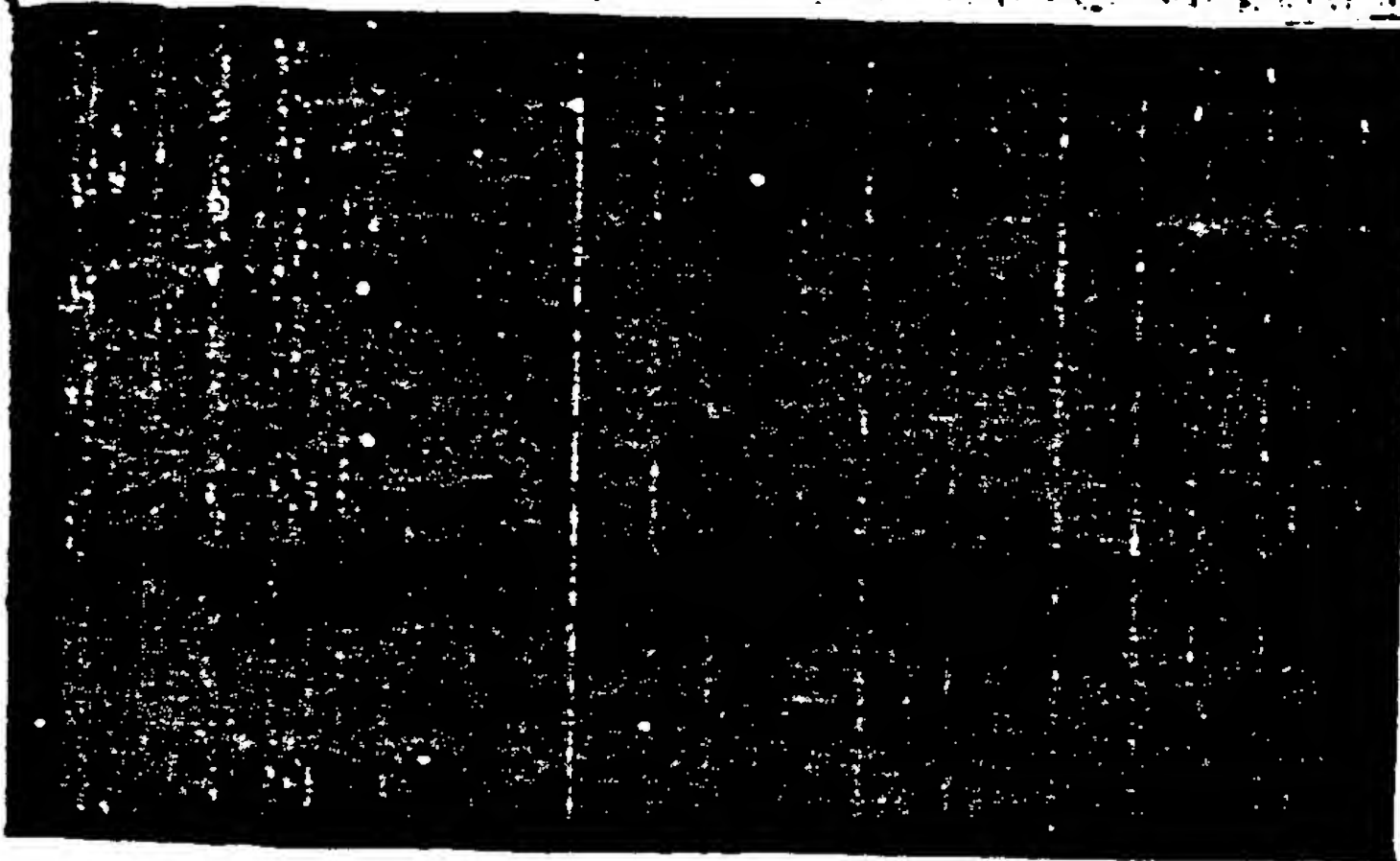
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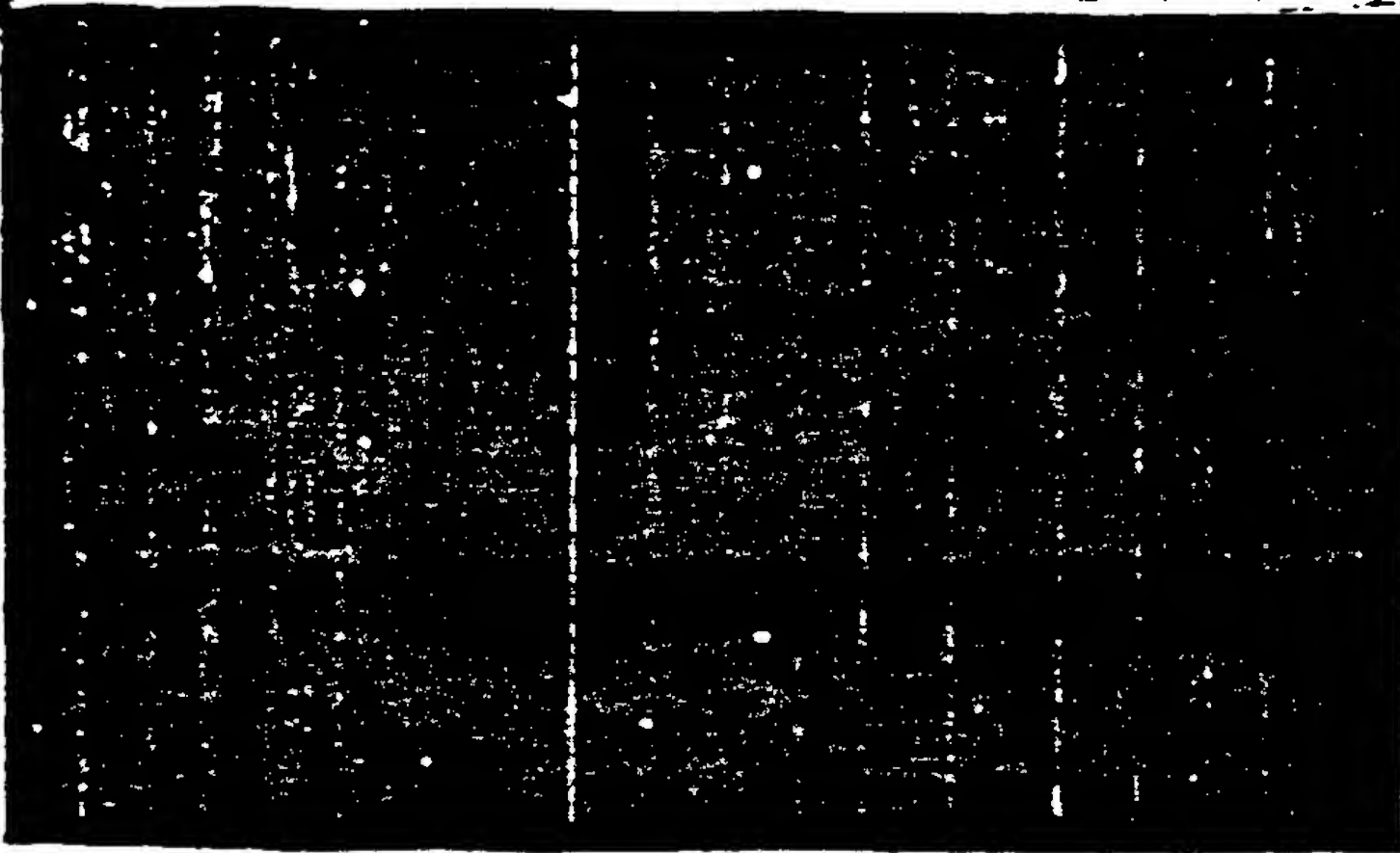
44-28601-40	151	LAHB:CSH 3/26/65
<p>A H BELMONT INSUBJECTS, Viola Liuzzo, Victim to Tolson CIV RTS: Election Law Inspr. McGovern, Bagin, advised subjs Wilkins Thomas &amp; Eaton were arraigned 1:35 pm &amp; turned over to USM in lieu of \$50,000 bail each being placed in Jefferson County Jail. No problems encountered at US Comm's hearing. 4th subj, our inf, is currently being taken over route of victim's car &amp; will be arraigned soon as feasible.</p>		

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Rosen to Belmont re UNSUBS; VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM Facts concerning ambush of Liuzzo and Leroy Jerome Moton on Highway 80 set forth. Three shots from 1955 Ford were fired one killing Mrs. Liuzzo of Detroit Michigan. Continuous, vigorous, preferred attention is being afforded this matter and the Bureau will be kept advised.		

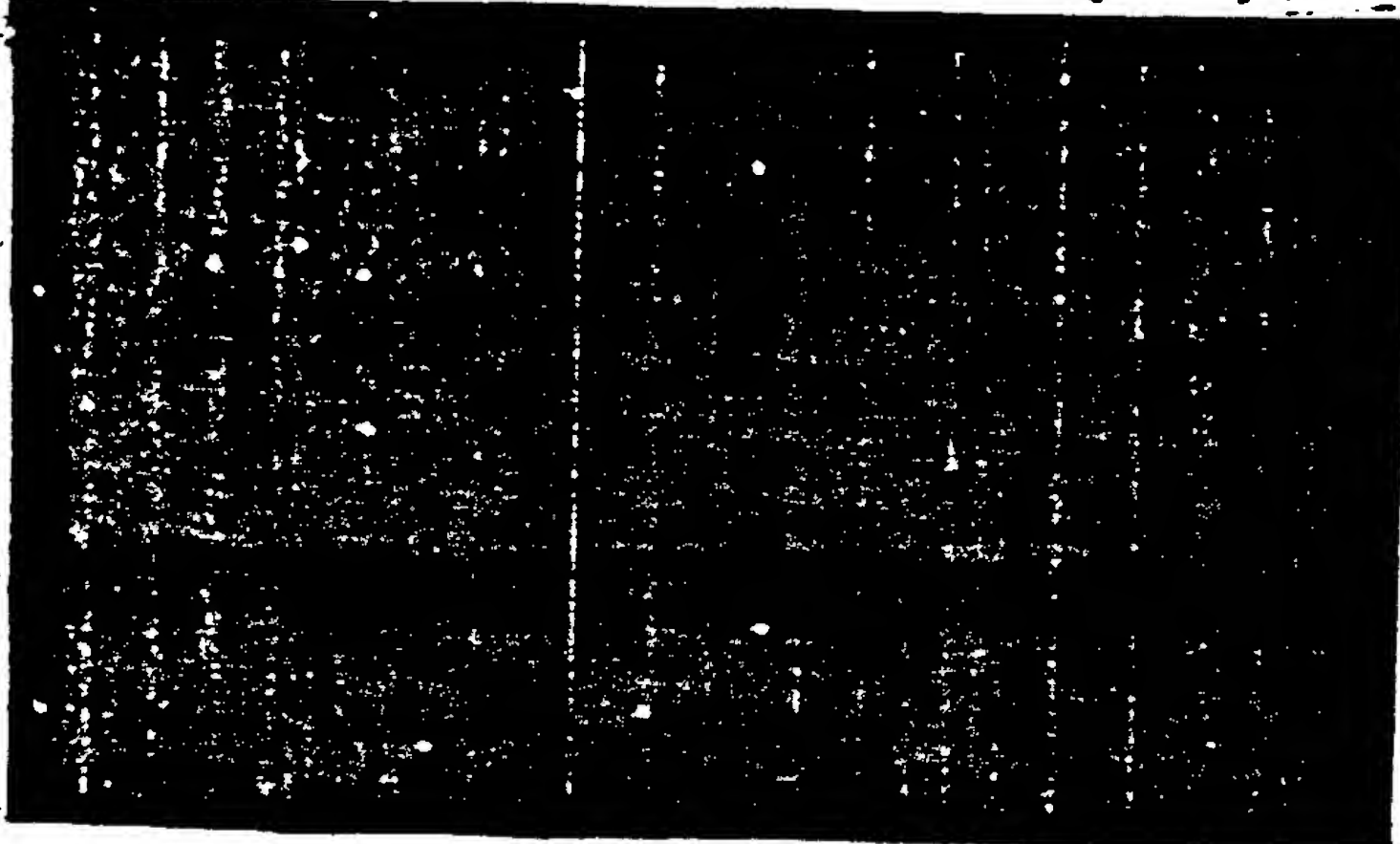
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<p>McGowan to Rosen, EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL. Inspector James McGovern tel advised at 9:14 p.m. that rep in this case was being brought to Washington by SA [redacted] who would arrive at Dulles Int Airport 6:10 a.m. 3-31-65, on Flight 544. SEAL: WFO was advised to arrange to have an Agent meet [redacted] SA [redacted] at Dulles in order that the report could be expedited to Mr. Rosen's Office.</p>			

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1236) (P)

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL  
VIOLA LUIZZO, aka.  
Mrs. Anthony J. Luizzo,  
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS  
CR - EL

Transmitted herewith for the assistance of the Bureau are three fingerprint cards, one for subject WILLIAM DEVILLE EATON, one for subject EUGENE THOMAS and one for subject COLLIE LEROY WILKINS.

In addition to the three separate fingerprint cards there are also being furnished at this time three photos of each subject. These photos represent a front and side view of each subject.

3 - Bureau (Encls. 12)  
2 - Birmingham

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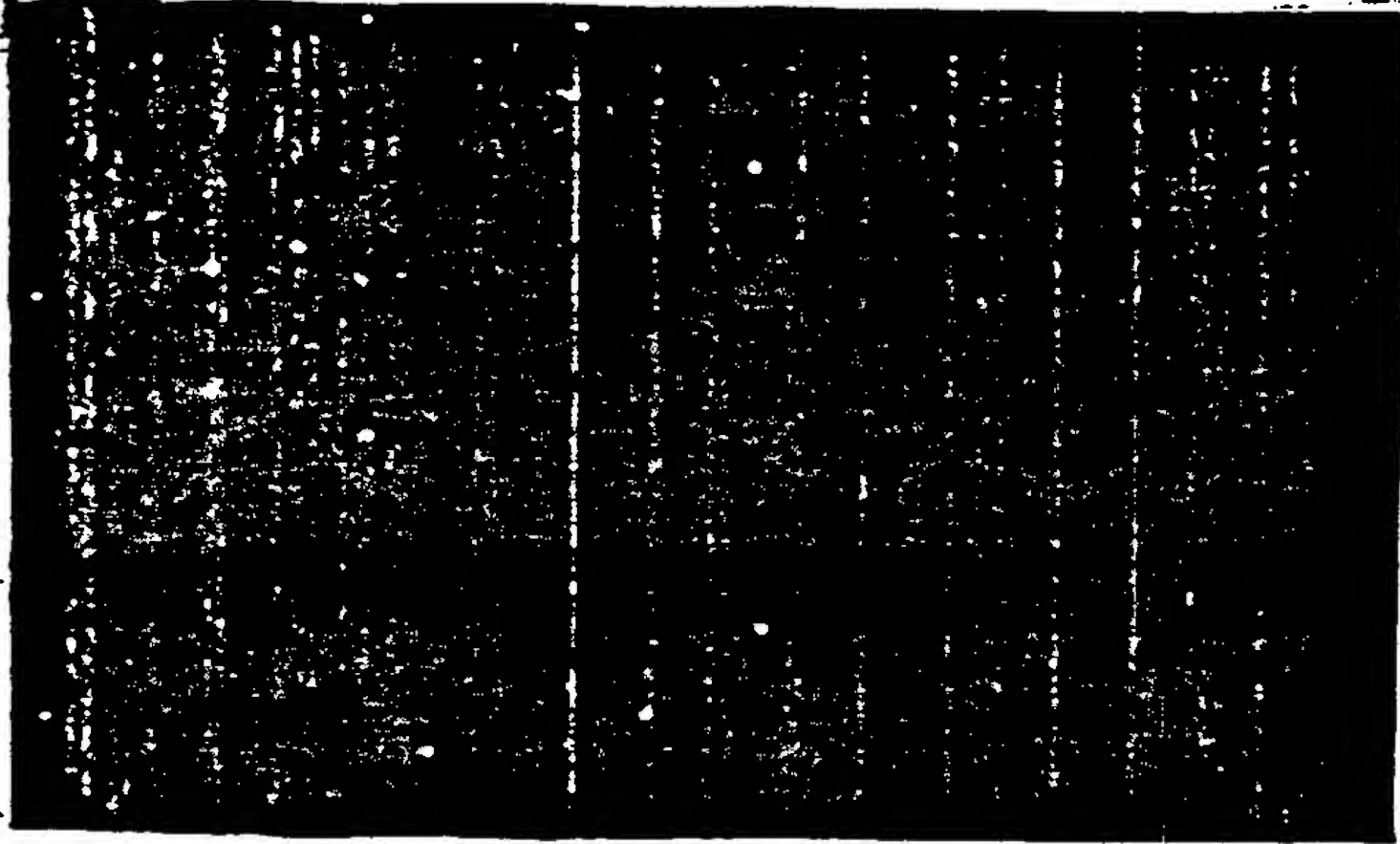
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SAC, MOBILE (Selm) - EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIUZZO, aka, LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICS. Enc. for the Bureau are two sets of 7 photos taken 3/26/65 of auto victim died in. 1 copy of these have been furnished Dept. Att'ys, in Montgomery, Ala. and 1 copy retained by Mobile.				

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

TSK FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-643) ~~SECRET~~

UNSUBS; MURDER OF VIOLA <sup>9</sup>LIUZZO,  
3/25/65; LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

ReBu telephone calls to Detroit, Selma telephone call to  
Detroit, both 3/26/65, and Detroit teletype to Bureau and  
Selma, 3/26/65.

Enclosed is LHM regarding Subject.

3 - Bureau (AMSD) ENCLOSURE  
2 - Mobile (Info) (Enc. 1) (AMSD)  
1 - Selma (Enc. 2) (AMSD)  
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**Detroit, Michigan  
March 27, 1965**

**Unknown Subjects;  
Murder of Viola Liuzzo,  
March 25, 1965;  
Leroy Jerome Moton - Victims**

**[REDACTED], Records Division, Michigan  
Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan, on March 26,  
1965, advised that 1963 Oldsmobile coupe, with 1965 Michigan  
license EJ 9177, is registered to Anthony J. Liuzzo at 19375  
Marlowe, Detroit, Michigan. This vehicle has Vehicle  
Identification Number 632M60486.**

**[REDACTED] Drivers' Service Division,  
Michigan Secretary of State's Office, advised that operator's  
license number L200-847-015-283 was issued April 16, 1963,  
to Viola Liuzzo, born April 11, 1925, residing at 19375  
Marlowe, Detroit. The license described Viola Liuzzo as  
female, blond hair, gray eyes, 5'2 1/2", 127 pounds.**

**[REDACTED], Identification Division,  
Detroit Police Department, advised that Viola Liuzzo, 19375  
Marlowe, Detroit, Michigan, born on April 11, 1925, was  
arrested June 16, 1964, charged with "failing to send children  
to school." The arrest card indicated that Viola Fauver  
Liuzzo, of 19375 Marlowe, a resident of Detroit for 13 years  
prior to June 16, 1964, had been arrested by officers of the  
Detroit Police Department on June 16, 1964, at 8:45 a.m. at  
13365 Schaefer, Detroit, Michigan. Viola Fauver Liuzzo was  
arrested on warrant 208967 on the complaint of Mr. William  
Lakin, 5057 Woodward, Detroit, Michigan, the latter being  
associated with the Detroit Board of Education. The disposition  
of the arrest was shown as one year probation and \$50.00 fine.**

**The court file was Detroit Records Court file  
number 208967.**

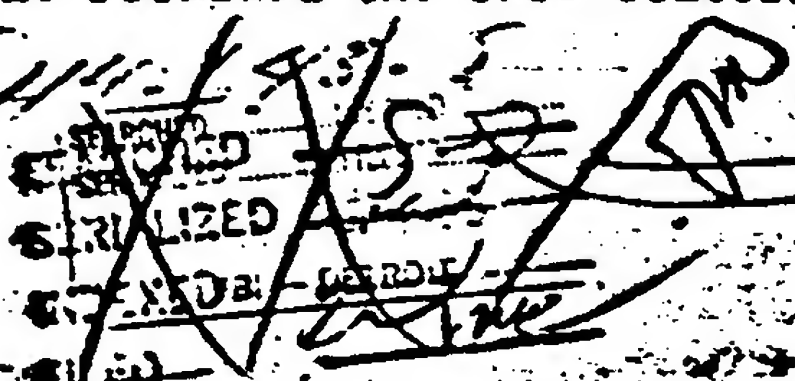
**Detroit Records Court Judge Joseph Gillis, on  
March 26, 1965, advised that he recalled the case concerning**

- 2 - Bureau (AMSD)**
- 1 - Mobile (AMSD)**
- 2 - Selma (AMSD)**
- 1 - Detroit (44-643).**

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Unknown Subjects;  
Murder of Viola Liuzzo,  
March 25, 1965;  
Leroy Jerome Moton - Victims

Viola Liuzzo, and stated that he was of the opinion that Viola Liuzzo was a professional crusader. Her complaint at the time she was brought before him on a charge of failure to send children to school, was the fact that in Detroit children are permitted to drop out of school at the age of 16 and Viola Liuzzo felt that the children should not be permitted to drop out of school until reaching the age of 18, and for that reason she refused to send her own children to school.

Judge Joseph Gillis stated that he adjourned the case from June 16, 1964, to September, 1964, hoping that Viola Liuzzo would be able to adjust this matter without his aid and that during that period he received a letter from the Detroit Board of Education advising that they did not desire to prosecute. Judge Gillis stated that he was willing to drop the matter but that Viola Liuzzo insisted on being tried and entered a plea of guilty, and that he then placed her on one year's probation with a fine of \$50.00. Judge Gillis stated that after the trial he received information from the Probation Department of the Detroit Records Court that Viola Liuzzo was emotionally disturbed and appeared to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

The records of the Detroit Division indicate that one Viola Liuzzo had addressed a letter to the "Detroit Free Press," a newspaper published daily at Detroit, Michigan, in which Viola Liuzzo belittled the United States Government's charges against James R. Hoffa, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

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Date: 3/29/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

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To: Director, FBI

Attn: Civil Rights Section  
General Investigative DivisionFrom: SAC, DETROIT (44-643)

Subject: UNSUBS; MURDER OF VIOLA LIUZZO,  
3/25/65; LEROY JEROME MOTON -  
VICTIMS; CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS  
☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS

Re Detroit airtel with LHM, 3/27/65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

Two copies are being furnished Secret Service and one G-2 both Detroit, Michigan.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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**Detroit, Michigan  
March 29, 1968**

**Re: Unknown Subjects; Murder  
of Viola Liuzzo, March 25, 1968;  
Leroy Jerome Moton - Victim**

On March 29, 1968, [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan,  
Police Department, advised that funeral services for Mrs.  
Viola Liuzzo were scheduled to be held tomorrow morning  
at Detroit, Michigan. [REDACTED] pointed out b7c  
that Mrs. Liuzzo is the person who was fatally wounded  
recently in Alabama where she was engaged in transporting  
persons in her automobile who had participated in the  
recent civil rights march between Selma and Montgomery,  
Alabama. [REDACTED] advised that a number of  
individuals from various labor, civil rights organizations,  
church organizations and local city and state officials  
were scheduled to attend the services.

He advised that President James Hoffa of the  
Teamsters Union; President Walter Reuther of the United  
Auto Workers - Congress of Industrial Workers; Roy Wilkins,  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
National Official and Reverend Martin Luther King, Nobel  
Prize Winner are expected to attend the funeral services  
for Mrs. Liuzzo.

In addition, [REDACTED] b7c  
advised that local National Association for the Advancement of Colored  
People and Congress of Racial Equality officials were  
expected to attend the services.

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

FBI BASH DC

007 PM PLS HOLD FOR 2 URGENT 3-29-65 SPL

TO BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE (SELMA)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; VIOLA LIZZIO, LEROY JEROME MOTON DASH  
VICTIMS; CRJ EL.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT TAKE ANY ACTION WITH  
REGARD TO THIS MATTER UNTIL OUR INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED.  
THEREFORE, THE INVESTIGATION OF ALL PHASES OF THIS MATTER MUST  
BE EXPEDITED IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE AND REPORTS PROMPTLY SUBMITTED  
AS THE BUREAU MUST NOT BE PLACED IN A POSITION OF BEING HELD  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELAY IN ANY ACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THE  
DEPARTMENT. BIRMINGHAM AND SELMA SUBMIT INITIAL REPORTS NO LATER  
THAN MARCH THIRTY NEXT. ANY REMAINING LEADS OUTSTANDING MUST BE  
AFFORDED EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION AND THE RESULTS PROMPTLY SUBMITTED  
BY REPORT.

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SACS BH & NO(SELMA) EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL; DEPT CANNOT TAKE ACTION UNTIL OUR INVES IS COMP. INVES OF ALL PHASES OF MATTER MUST BE EXPEDITED IN EVERY WAY & REPS SUBMITTED AS BU MUST NOT BE PLACED IN POSITION OF BEING HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAY IN ACTION CONTEMPLATED BY DEPT. BH & SELMA BU INITIAL REPS BY 3/30/65 & FOLLOW WITH CLOSING W/TH COMPLETING INVS BY 4/2/65.		

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A H BELMONT EUGENE THOMAS, et al, Viola Luizzo; to Tolson Leroy Moton-Victims; CR - EL I spoke to Insps McGovern & Sullivan this a.m. re progress of investigation. Searches and interviews are continuing today, and reports will be flown to Bureau tomorrow, comprising 90% of investigation; followup reports will be prepared promptly as to remaining investigation, which should be wound up in few days.		

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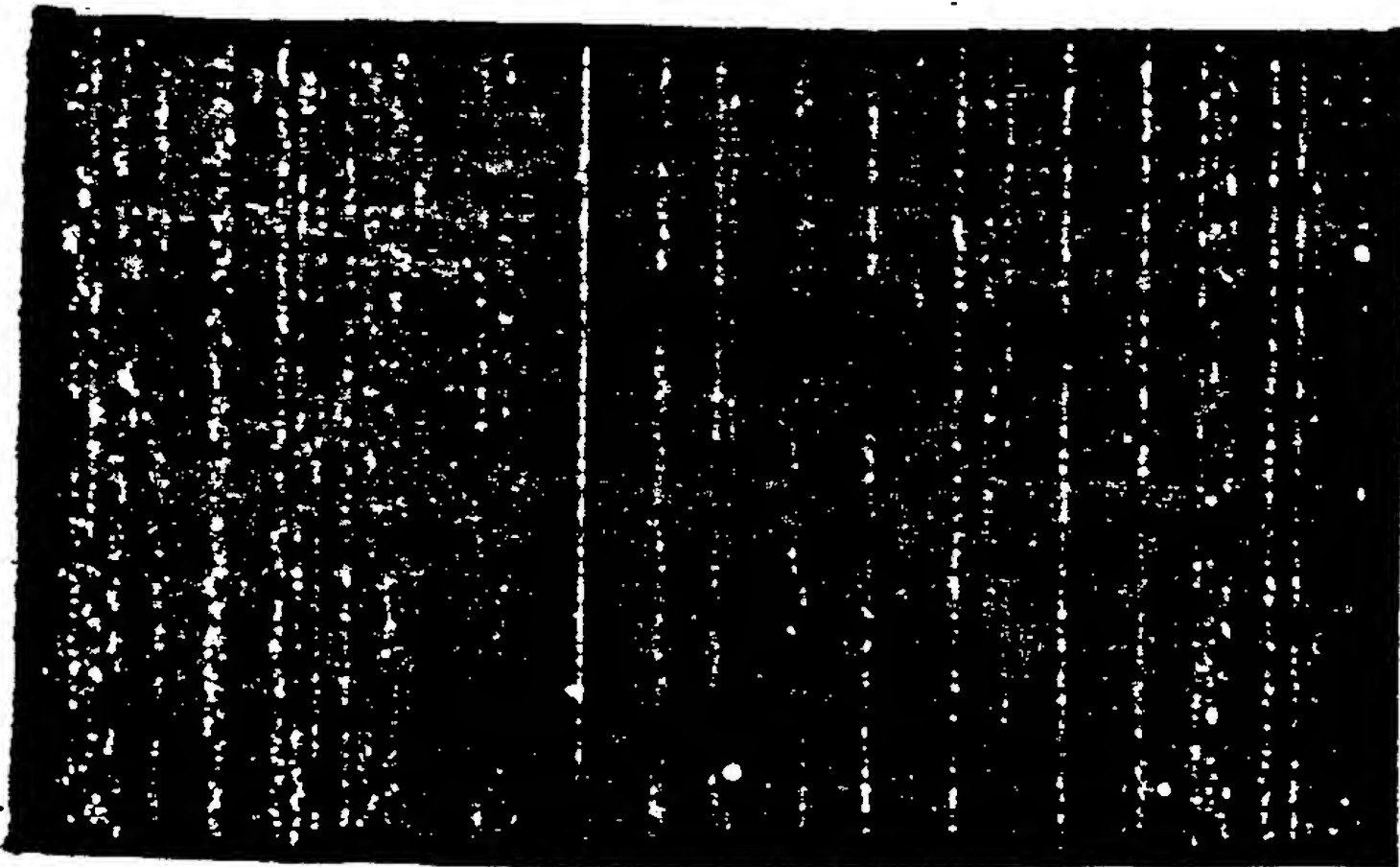
Mr. John Doar  
Acting AAG

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.

Atth'd is memo setting forth pert info as contained in our files re subps in this case. Also atth'd r cc FBI Ident Records of Thomas, Eaton, Rowe & Wilkins.

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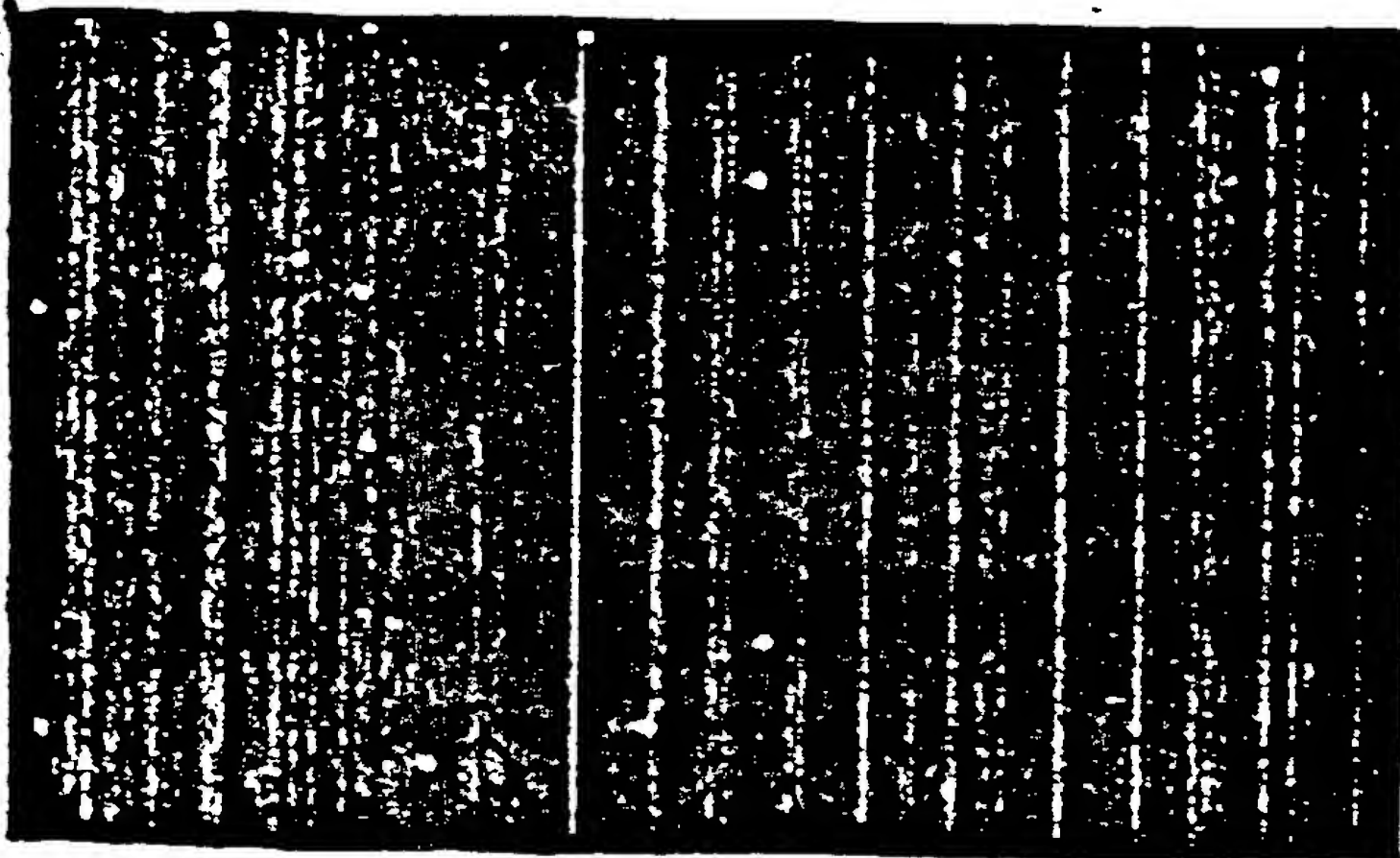


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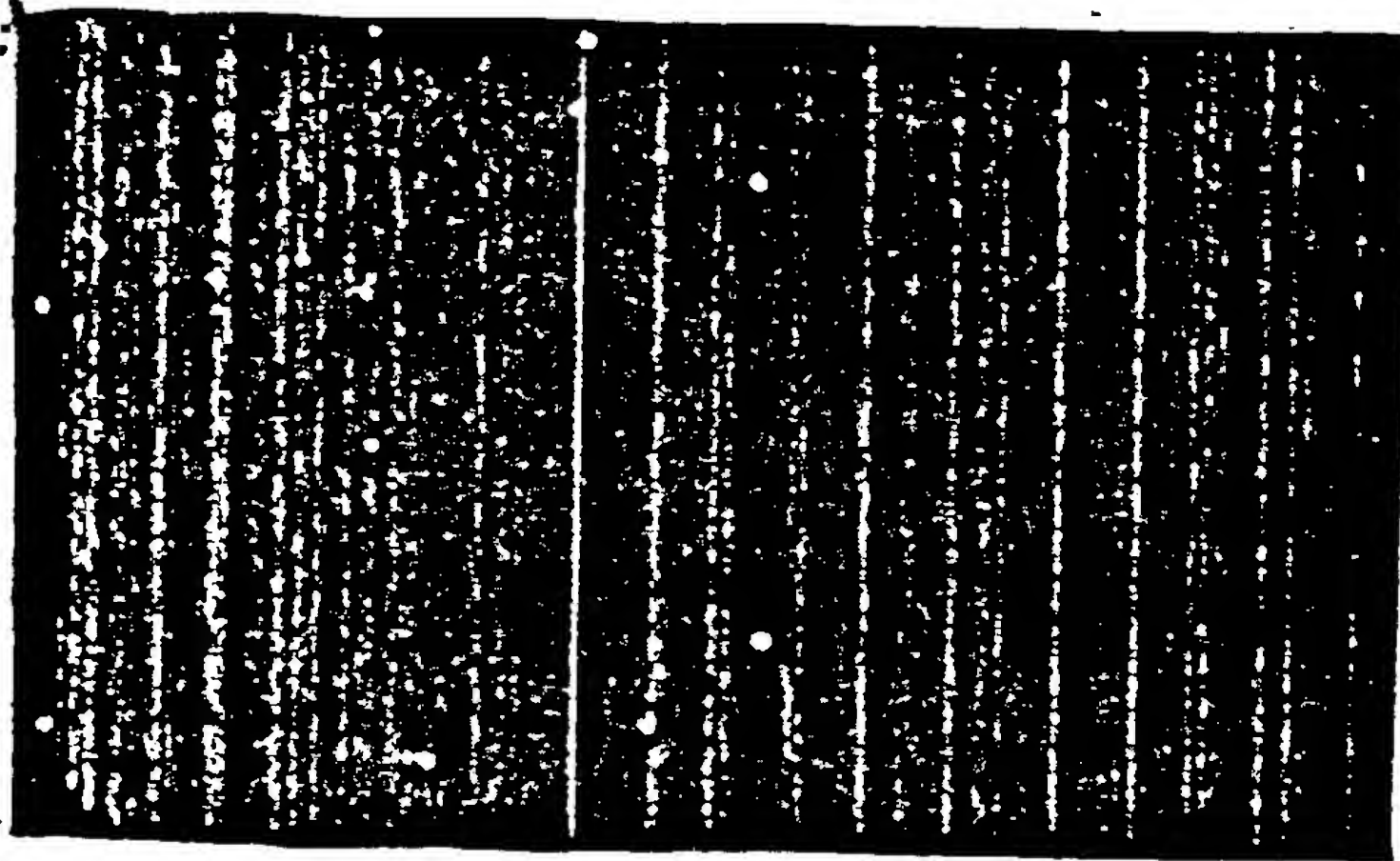
44-28601-51	11	JGK/cac 3/31/65
McGowan to Rosen EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL		
Sullivan called to advise report he prepared is on plane to arrive in Wash DC today. Action. ASAC WFO advised of above & requested to have Agents of WFO meet plane & bring report to CR Section front office at Bureau. ASAC instructed to insure Agents picking report up take a Government Bill of Lading with them.		

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**MONTGOMERY, ALA.**

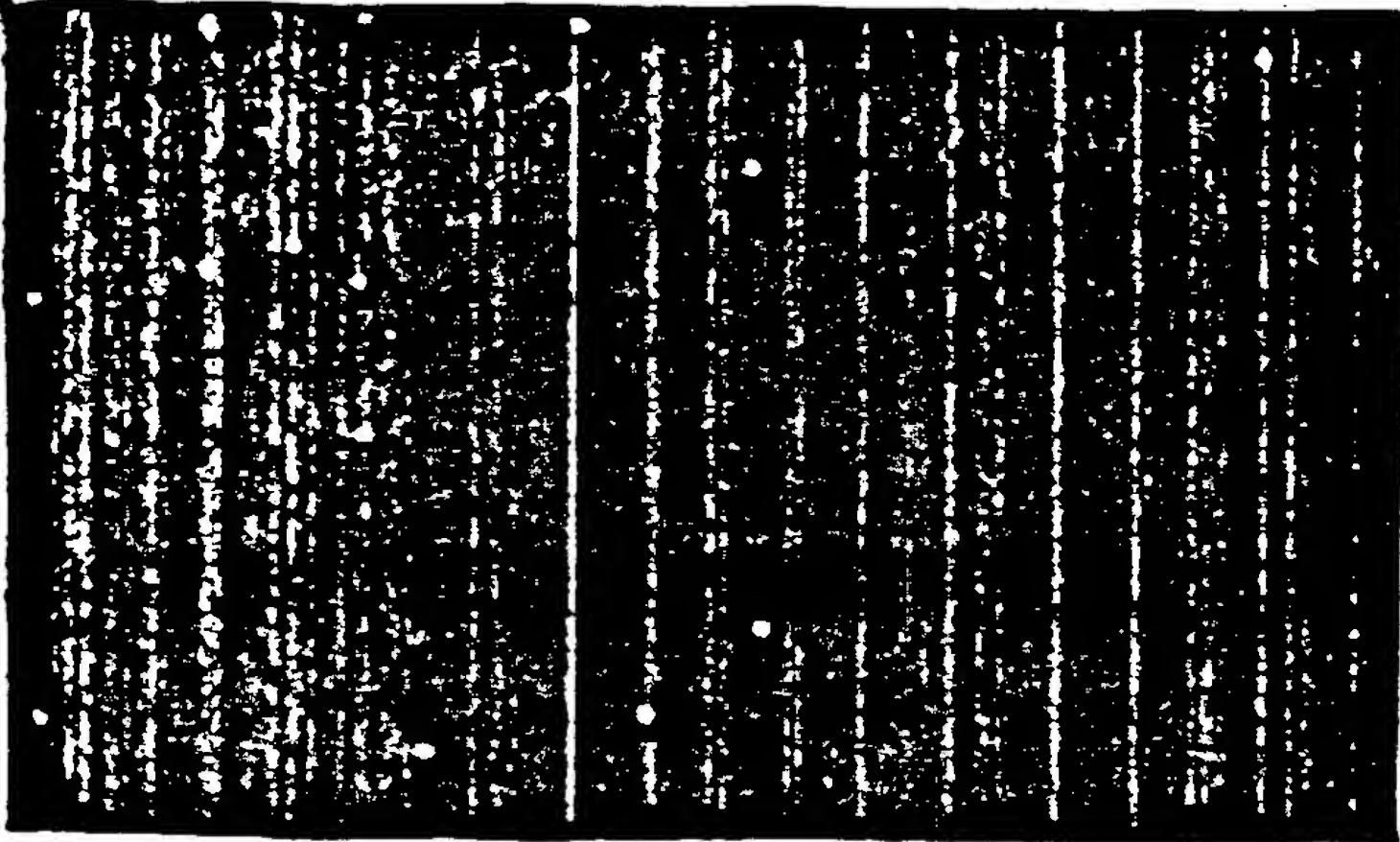
**VIOLA LIUZZO**

I saw man on TV today when L. B. J. made his pronouncement re: the white woman killed at E Louderboro, You did not seem too happy, for in yr heart you know the Mind of Commies, perverts, etc. that provoked this march. Adn don't exclude MARTIN LUTHER from this bunch of Commies. We are most sad that this white woman was killed. But, what was she doing away from home, five children, a husband and consorting with niggers for a wk like a 2 bit what-cha-ma called. How about the.

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SAC, MO (SEIMA) EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL		
ENCLOSED PHOTOS OF CRIME SCENE CONCERNING MURDER OF MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO. COPIES FURNISHED FOR DISSEMINATION TO DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS. - P -		

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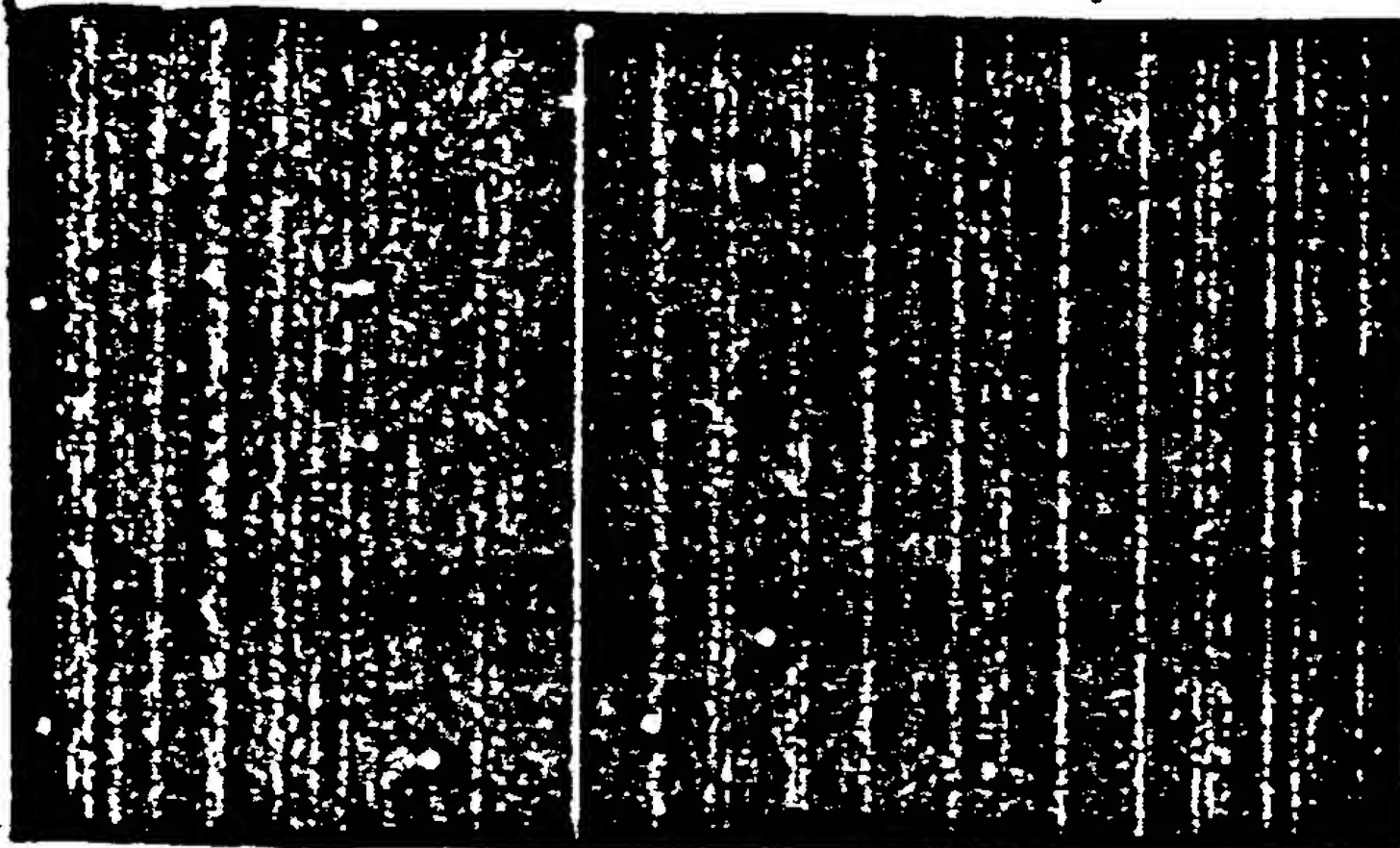
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C. L. MCGOWAN *T.D. Rosen* & EUGENE THOMAS  
TO: ROSEN

Inspector Sullivan advised at 6:24 PM that material for the exhibits sect would arrive DL Int Airport at 6:10 am. 4-1-65 WFO was instructed to arrange to meet this flight. Instructed to have the agent bring with him a govt bill of lading.

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[REDACTED] MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO b7c		
<p>Urlet 3-29 recd, &amp; ack wth thnks ur knd comnts concern swift aprhnsn 4 suspects n fatal shot of Mrs. Liuzzo. U ma b sur we wil mk evry efrt deserv sch grcus sentmnts as thos u expresd. Sch words r sore ncrgmt to all us in FBI.</p>		

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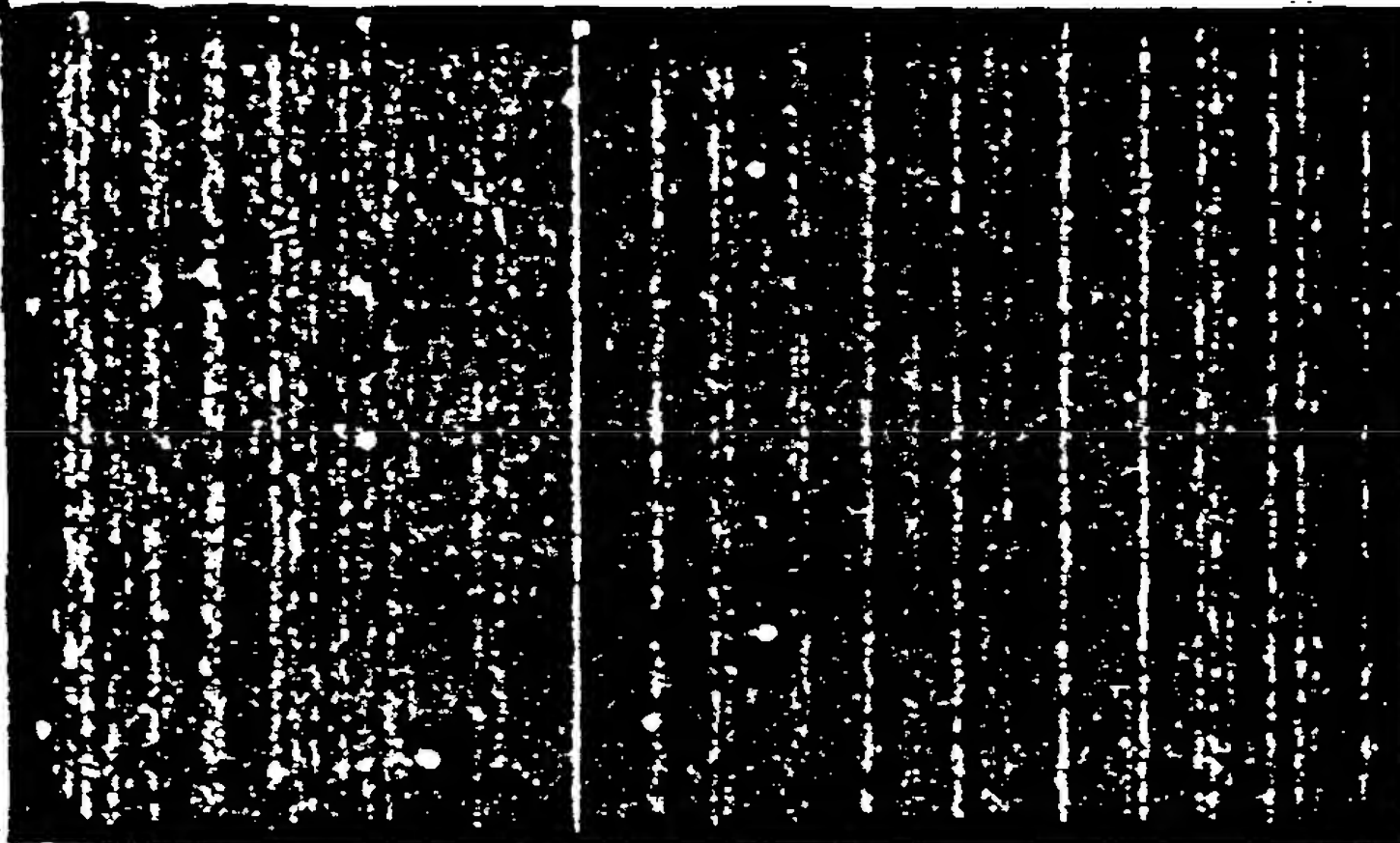
44-28601-60	99	3/29/65
[REDACTED] KLU KLUX KLAN MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO b7c		
<p>On reading in one L.I. Newday of the <del>latest</del> a latest <del>murder</del> outrage and murder agnst. the civil rights movement. I endorse the Pres. and your stand on putting an end to the wicked doing of the Klu Klux Klan my Thanks and admiration for you and oyou office personel of <del>the</del> bringting these hoodlum so quick to justice 12 Director 3/29 3A</p>		

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44-28601-61	99	NEW: bsm 3/29/65
R. H. Jevons to Mr. Conrad EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL Mrs. Luizzo was shot near Selma, Alabama, at approximately 8:00 p.m. on 3/25/65, while engag- ed in the transportation of civil rights demon- strators between Montgomery and Selma. SA conducted "on-the-scene" exam of evid. [REDACTED]		


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44-28601-62 <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	99	WAM:lch 3-31-65
 XNDOLALIUZZOX VIOLA LIUZZO b7c		
<p>Urlet March 26th recd. Indeed thotful u write as u did &amp; want tak oppor thank u for ur warm sentiments &amp; complimentary remarks. Ur staunch support certainly appreciated. Enclosing material which hope u find of interest.</p>		

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 b7c CIVIL RIGHT WORKER XNDOLALIUZZOX VIOLA LIUZZO		
<p>As one of the bishops, of The House Of God, which comprises most of the states of our Union; I feel safe in saying, I am expressing the sentiment of the other bishops, when I say to you, we wish to express our most profound sence of appreciat- ion, as work of you, and your very effectent staf in the speedy apprension of those thugs, who were as stated responsible for the murder of civil rig</p>		
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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION <i>b7c</i> <del>NO</del> VIOLA LIUZZO		
<p>[REDACTED] was advised as to bu invest jurisdiction and he staed that he understand s the FB position in this matter and that he woud contact a representative of the DEpt. for understnad an anser to wquest during regular business hours. He comments that he had complained to Senator Smathers of FLA during afternoon of 3-26665 staig his feeling in this matter. He commentd tha he was incensed by this pres statement inasmuch in that indivuslas arrsted wre being judged quilt without j a trail.</p>		

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W.V.Cleveland to Gale <i>b7c</i> VIOLA LIUZZO		
<p>Called for Director. Stated had been trying to get in tch with Dept official but adv offices closed. Wanted answer to question by what author can anyone convict another indiv, as Pres Johnson did by his press statement announcing arr of 4 persons re death of Mrs. Liuzzo. He was adv of Bu's jurisdiction &amp; he said he understood. NR Bufiles. ACTION: Matter discussed with GID &amp; is being ref to Civil Rights Section of that Div in order that Dept may be adv that indiv stated he would cont Dept during reg working hours.</p>		

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SAC, MO EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.; VIOLA LUZZO ET AL., VICTIMS ENCLOSED ARE 2 FILM HOLDERS CONTAINING EXPOSED UNDEVELOPED KKTACOLOR TYPE S AND A FILM PACK CONTAINING ADDITIONAL BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS OF VICTIM. REQUEST FOR PROCESSING MADE OF PHOTO UNIT. P.		

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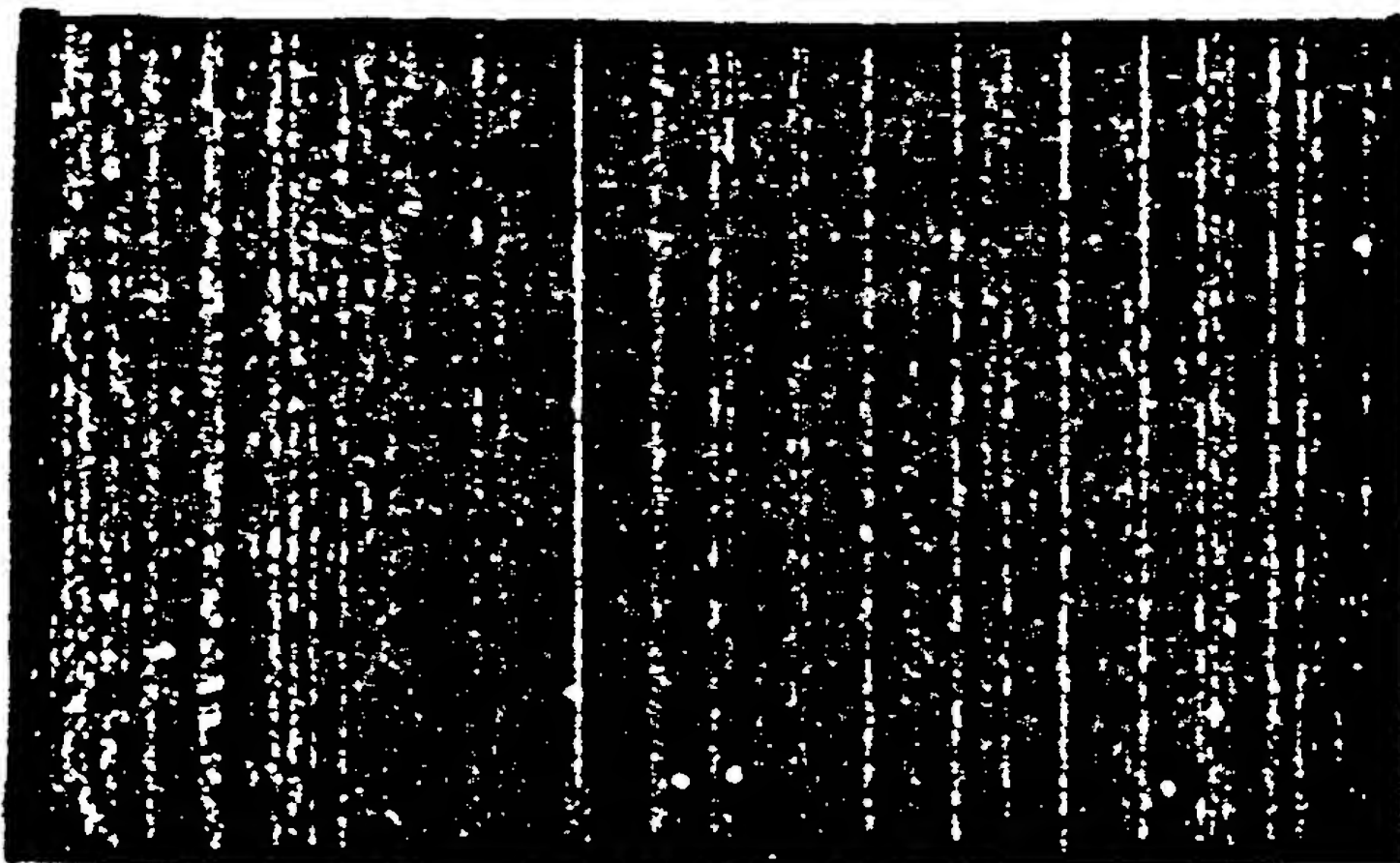
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TOLSON, BELMONT, DE LOACH, ROSEN		
VIOLA LIUZZO		
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<p>Honorable Marvin Watson      EUGENE THOMAS Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.</p> <p>Enc is memo set forth contact by Gov. George C. Wallace of State of Ala with representative of this Bu on 3/26/65, with re to fatal shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo in Lowndes Co., Ala, on 3/25/65. Info is also being furnished to Attorney General.</p>		

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<p>SACM, MO      EUGENE THOMAS</p> <p>REMOTELCONY TO BU TONIGHT. GOV. GEORGE C. WALLACE, STATE OF ALA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA SRA [REDACTED] AT MONTGOMERY, ALA., TONIGHT AND EXPRESSED COMPLETE DISGUST WITH THE "COWARDLY ACT" PERPETRATED BY SUBJECTS OF CAPTIONED CASE OR ANYONE WHO WOULD DO SUCH AN ACT OF VIOLENCE.</p>		

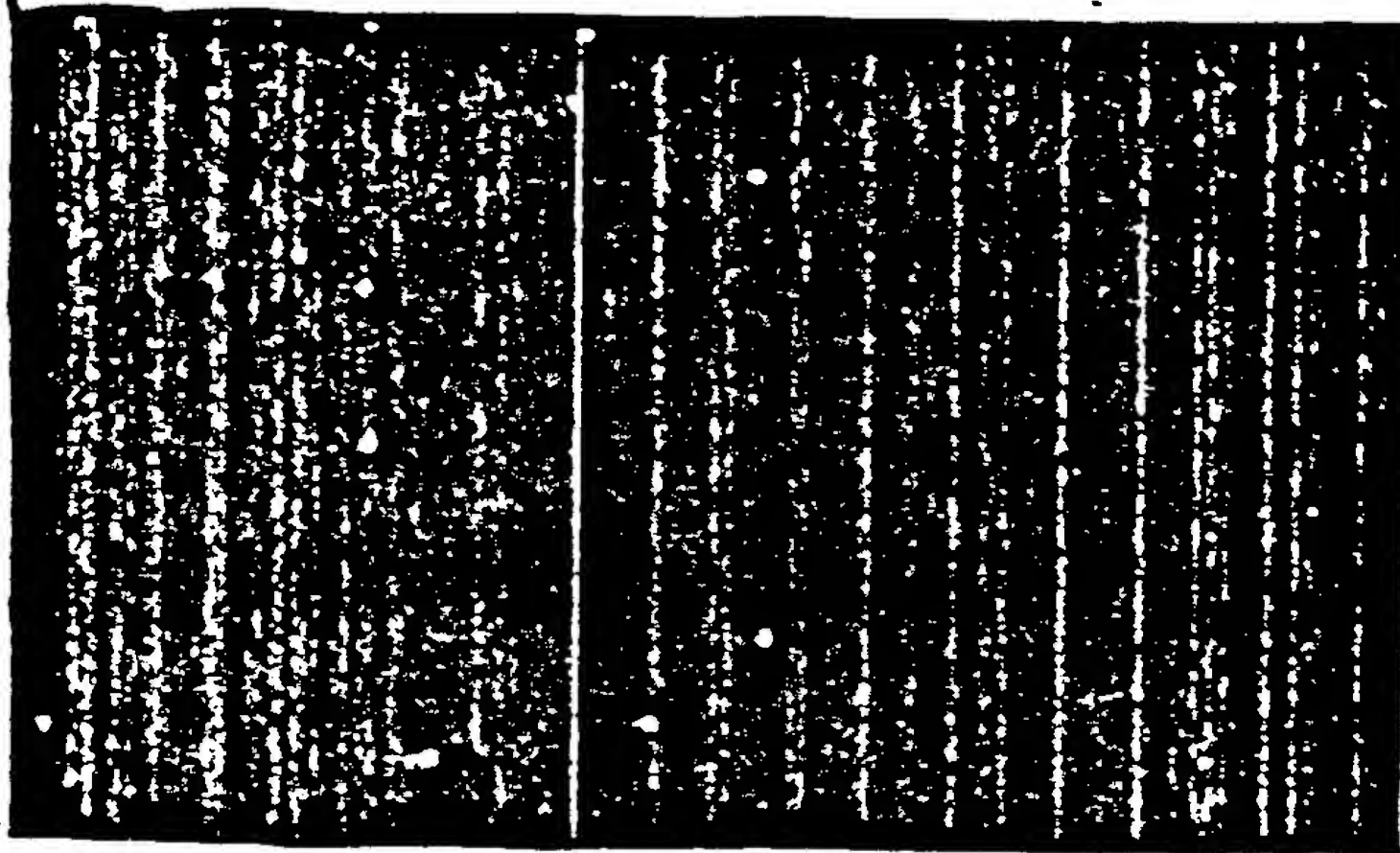
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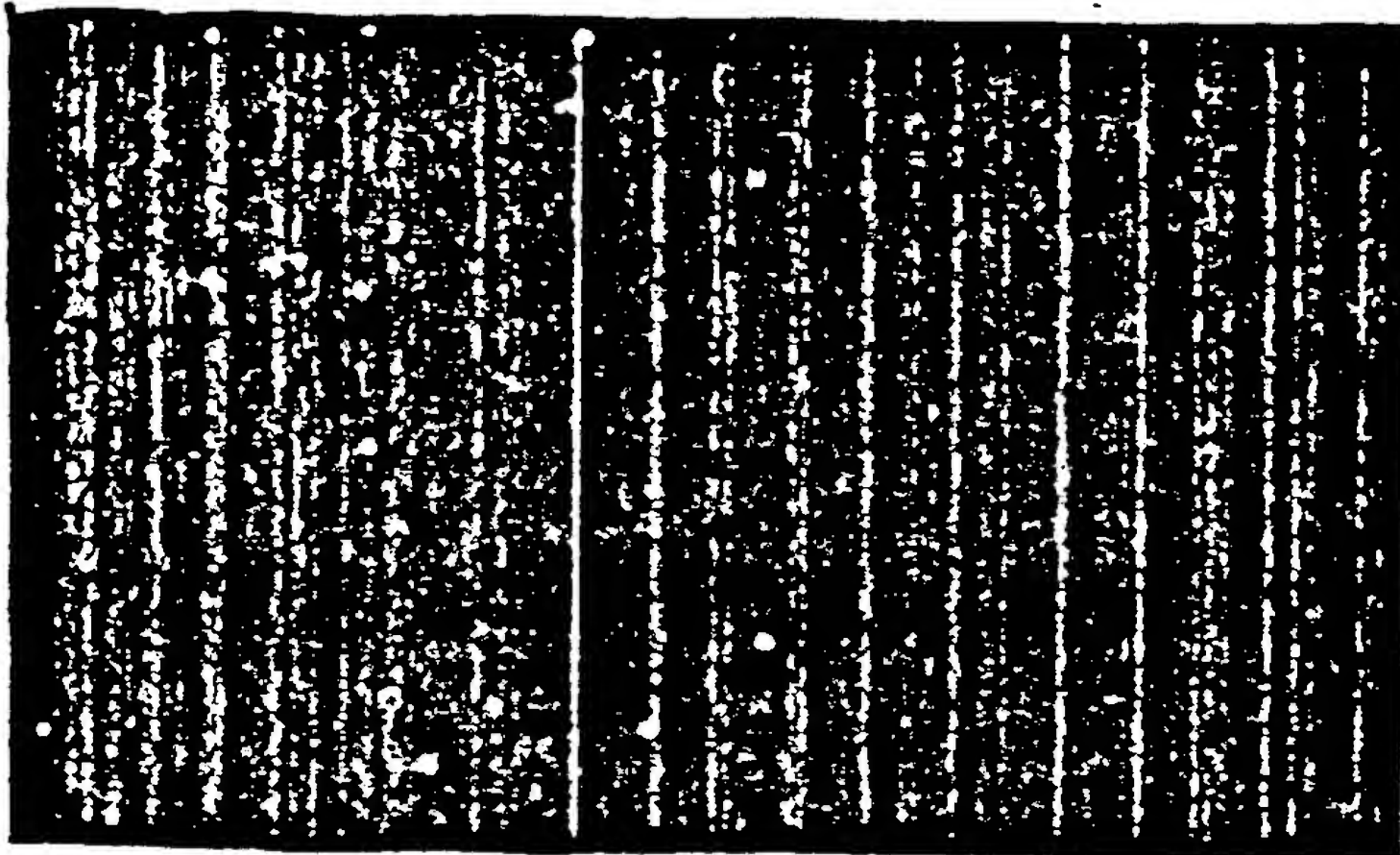
44-28601-68	15	3/26/65 JWH/ras
Memo Rosen To Belmont UNSUBS; VIOLA LIUZZO, Sullivan advised list of license numbers for vehicles in motorcade observed & maintained. Check determined one registered to Eugene Thomas of Bessemer. Complaint from Bob Fishel advised Moton mistreated by police. We are opening separate CR case on comp of Fishel & approp inves is being conducted. Department will be advised.		

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AM ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS TOLEDO, OHIO VIOLA LIUZZO		
Attached anonymous letter was sent to Dir from Toledo, Ohio.		

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FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1236)

EUGENE THOMAS; ETAL. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA, ETAL. VICTIMS.

AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FORTY AM, CST, THIS DATE AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR ADVISED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROBATION VIOLATORS WARRANT WHICH HAD BEEN ISSUED FOR COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, HE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT WILKINS SHOULD BE RELEASED ON BOND. TAYLOR SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH USDJ SEYBOURN H. LYNNE WHO WAS IN AGREEMENT THAT WILKINS SHOULD BE RELEASED ON A SMALL BOND WHICH WOULD CORRESPOND WITH WHAT IS NORMALLY DONE WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE ARRESTED ON PAROLE VIOLATORS WARRANTS. TAYLOR SAID JUDGE LYNNE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO CRITICISM IF THE NORMAL PROCEDURE WERE NOT FOLLOWED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PV WARRANT IN THIS CASE. ~~TAYLOR WAS ADVISED WE HAD NO OBJECTION TO FOLLOWING NORMAL PROCEDURES IN CASES OF THIS TYPE.~~

TAYLOR ALSO ADVISED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEARING SCHEDULED ON THE PV WARRANT WHICH WOULD NOT BE UNTIL APRIL THIRTY NEXT, THE

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GOVERNMENT WOULD NEED SOME EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS WARRANT. TAYLOR WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE MATTER INVOLVING THE SHOOTING WOULD, IN ALL PROBABILITY, BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE HEARING ON THE PV WARRANT.

TAYLOR ALSO SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON AS TO WHO WOULD HOLD THE PRELIMINARY HEARINGS OR WHAT INFORMATION WAS NECESSARY. HE SAID THAT USA MACON L. WEAVER WOULD BE IN TOWN LATER, AND IN ALL PROBABILITY WEAVER WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON REGARDING THIS MATTER. TAYLOR WAS ADVISED WE WERE IN NO POSITION TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION NOR DID WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ANY DECISION. TAYLOR WAS ADVISED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY THE DECISION IN THIS CASE WOULD BE MADE IN WASHINGTON AND AS SOON AS IT WAS POSSIBLE HE WOULD BE INFORMED.

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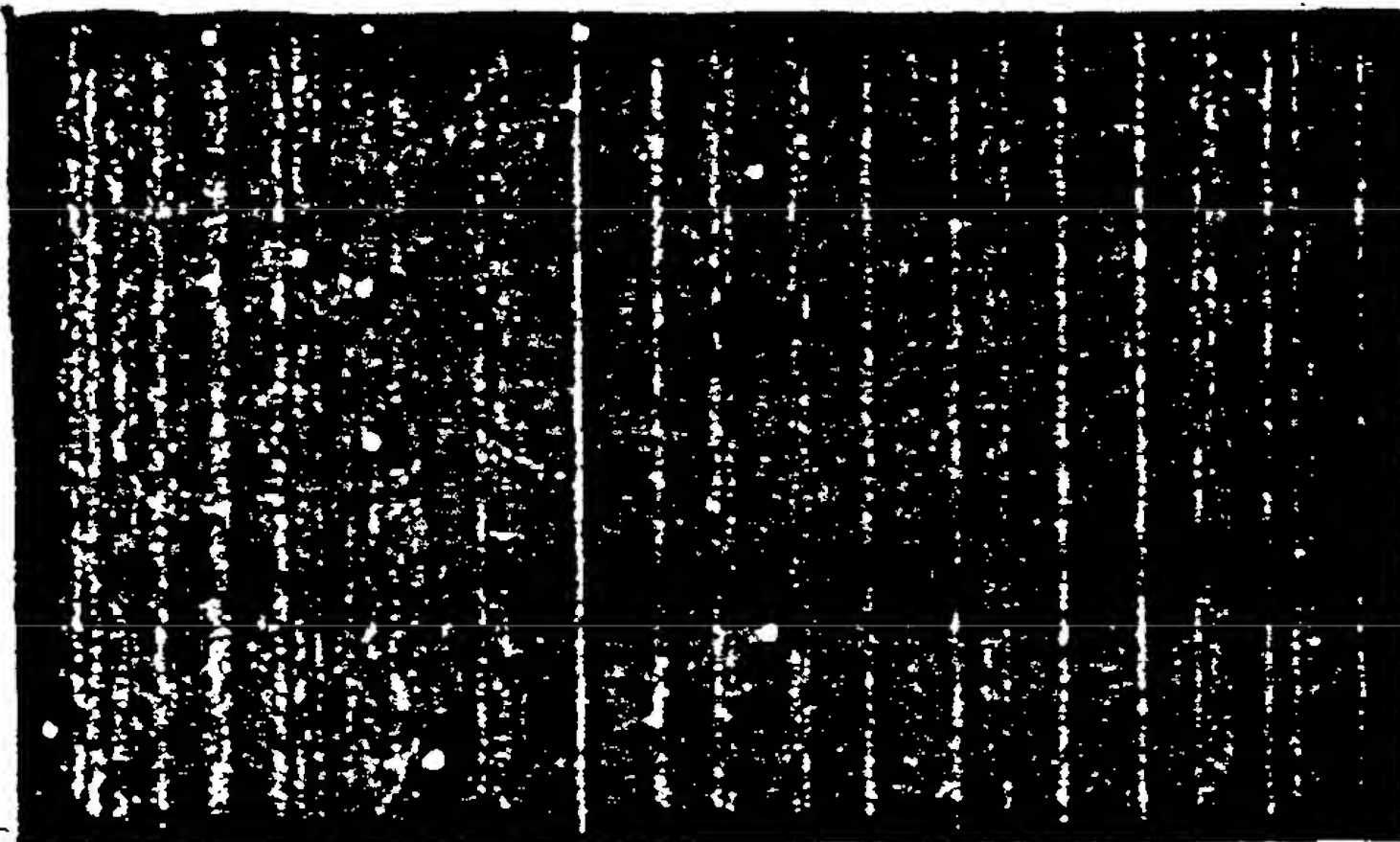
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Rosen to Belmont EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL;		
Re small bond on sub Wilkins, BH shld have pointed out in their tel 3/29/65 small bond related to parole violators warrant against sub arising from previous Fed firearms act conviction. 3/29/65 Wilkins released after posting \$500 bond on parole violators charge plus \$50,000 bond on Fed charge in this case. For info.		

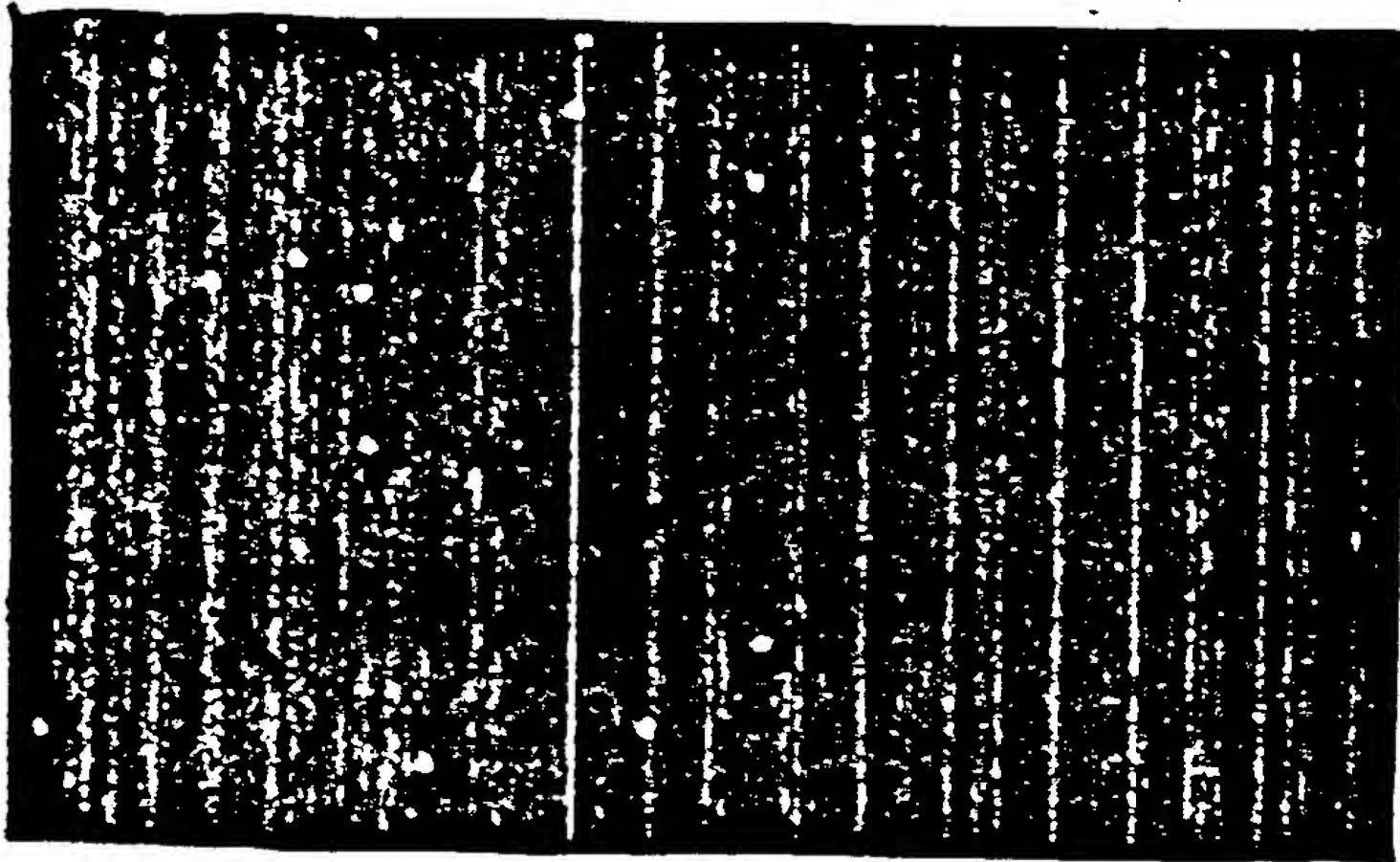
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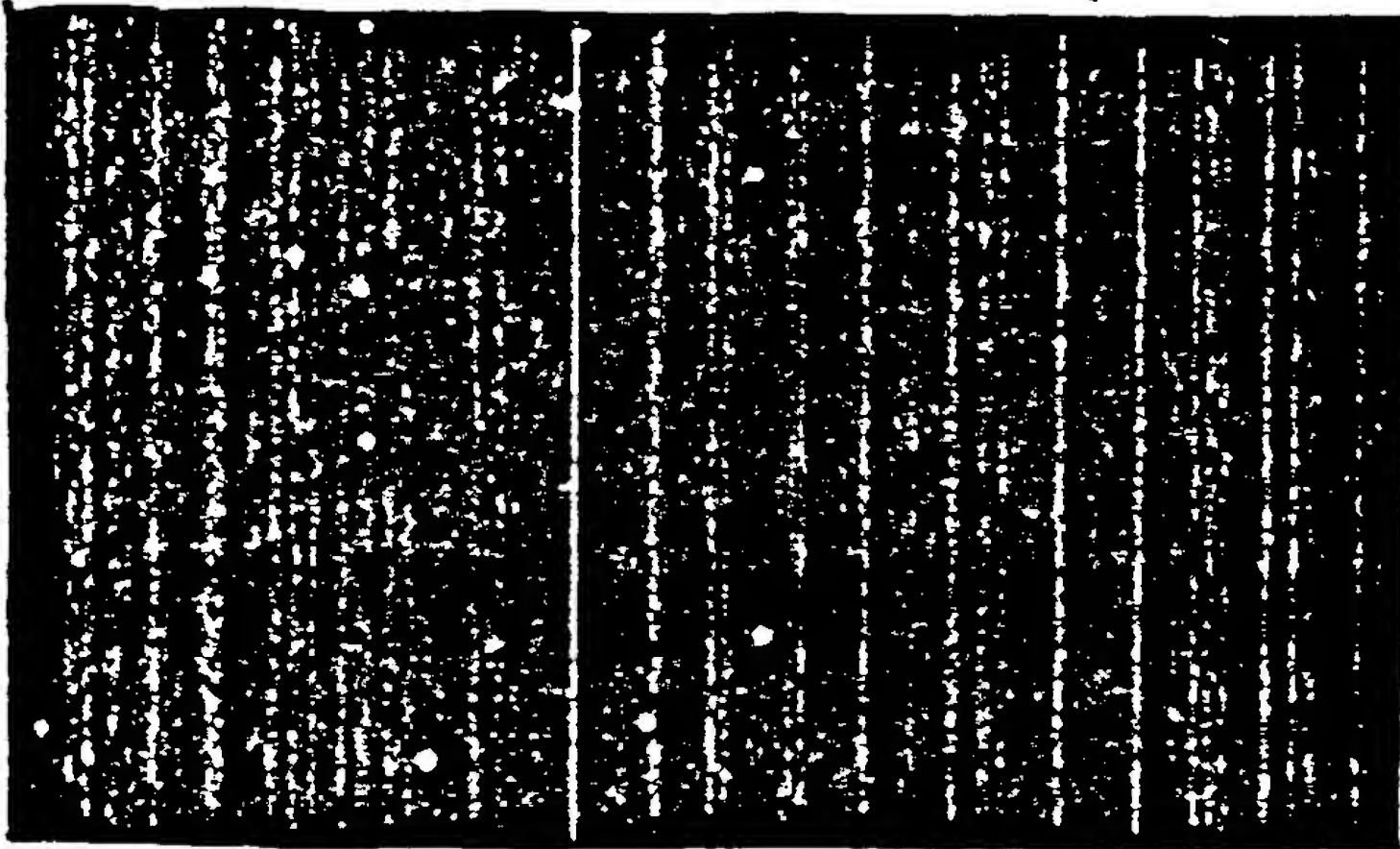
44-28601-73	47	2/31/65
SAC, <del>ME</del> EUGENE THOMAS		
MOBILE BUREAU AGENTS AT BELM PRESENTLY ASSEMBLING MATERIAL FOR CHARTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXHIBITS SECTION OF THE LAB SO THAT SAME CAN BE PREPARED POSTER SIZE FOR PRESENTATION IN COURT.		

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SAC, PH	EUGENE THOMAS	
RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO PHILA. MARCH THIRTYONE SIXTYFIVE. CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH FOR VIOLA FAUVER GREGG OBTAINED FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNA. HARRISBURG, PA. THIS DATE AND WILL BE FORWARDED APRIL ONE NEXT TO MOBILE.		

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MOBILE (SELNA)

FROM BALTIMORE 2P

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, AKA; LEROY  
JEROME MOTON DASH VICTIMS; CR DASH EL

RE ATLANTA TEL MARCH THIRTYONE

MOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL  
EDUCATION, INTERVIEWED LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL, BALTIMORE, MD.

TODAY AND ADVISED SCLC RECORDS RELATING TO SELNA DASH

MONTGOMERY MARCH, MARCH TWENTYONE DASH TWENTYFIVE, ARE IN

THE TRUNK OF AVIS DASH RENTAL CAR, WHITE FORD, YEAR UNKNOWN, CAR

WHICH HE DROVE TO ATLANTA AIRPORT MARCH THIRTYONE. NO ONE BUT

HIMSELF IS AWARE THEY ARE IN CAR TRUNK. AL (LNU) OR MARK

HARRINGTON AT ATLANTA HEADQUARTERS HAS KEYS TO THIS CAR.

SUGGESTS THEY BE CONTACTED AND GRANTS PERMISSION

TO REVIEW THEM FOR ANY POSSIBLE INFO RE LIUZZO'S NINETEEN

SIXTYTHREE QDS. HE DOUBTS EXISTENCE OF SUCH, SINCE SHE

DROVE OWN CAR AND HE PERSONALLY HERDED PASSENGERS IN VEHICLE

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WITHOUT RECORDING IDENTITIES. HE IS CERTAIN SHE GAVE NO WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION RE USE OF HER CAR. RECORDS IN CAR TRUNK ARE REGISTRATION CARDS OF VOLUNTEERS WHICH LIST NAME, ADDRESS AND ORGANIZATION THEY REPRESENT. HIS INSTRUCTIONS RE AVIS-RENTAL CAR AT ATLANTA WERE TO HOLD UNTIL HE CALLED. PERSONAL EFFECTS AND LIUZZO CAR REGISTRATION MAILED TO DETROIT TO ANTHONY J. LIUZZO, HUSBAND OF VICTIM. ATLANTA CONTACT AL (LNU) AND/OR MARK HARRINGTON, SCLC HEADQUARTERS AND REVIEW RECORDS. EDC.

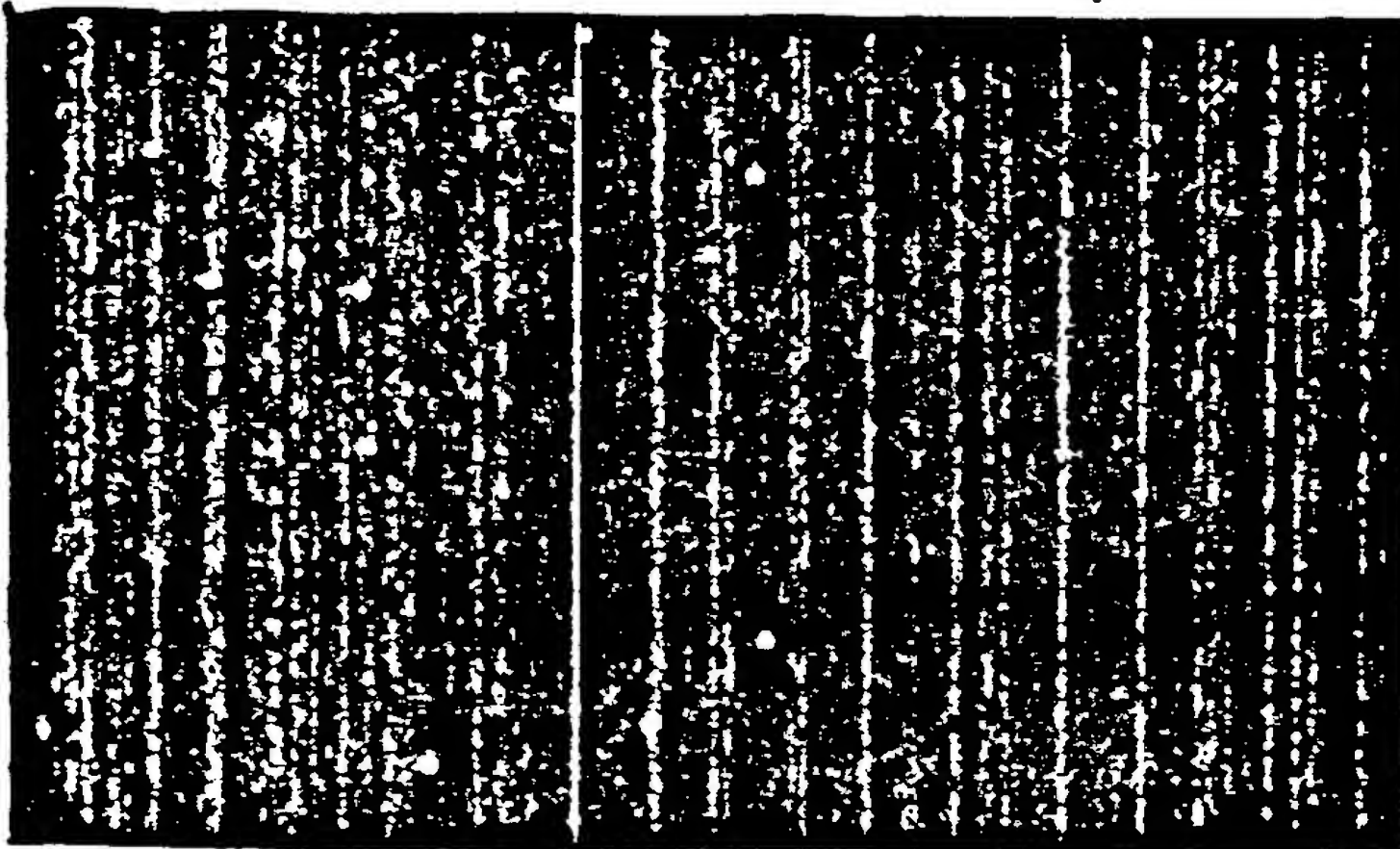
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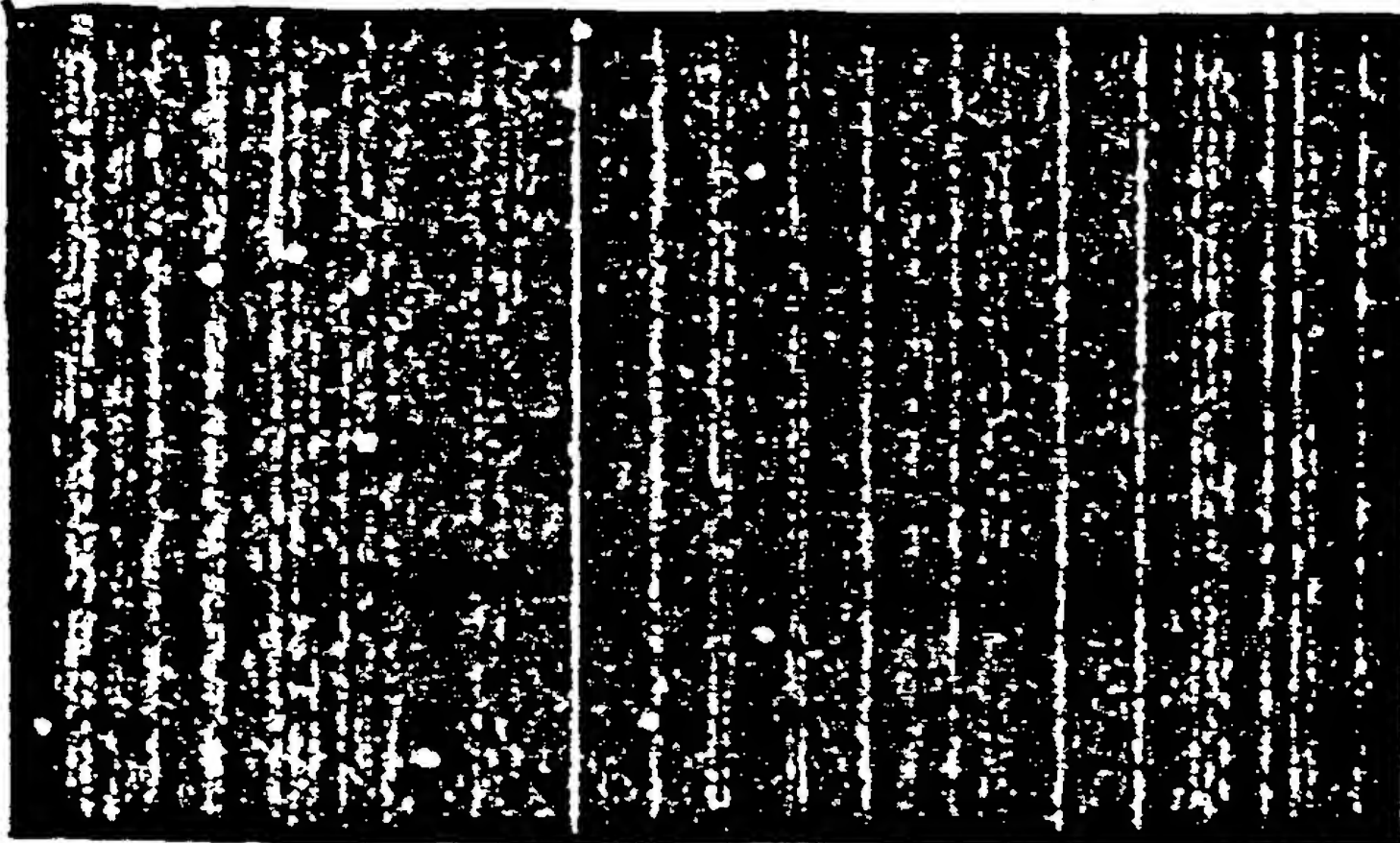
44-28601-78	22	HGR:las 3-28-65
ROSEN TO BELMONT		
A. - EUGENE THOMAS		
Newscast stated KKK official advised FBI Agents had offered plot of land in Minnesota consisting of several hundred acres to subj to confess in cap case.		

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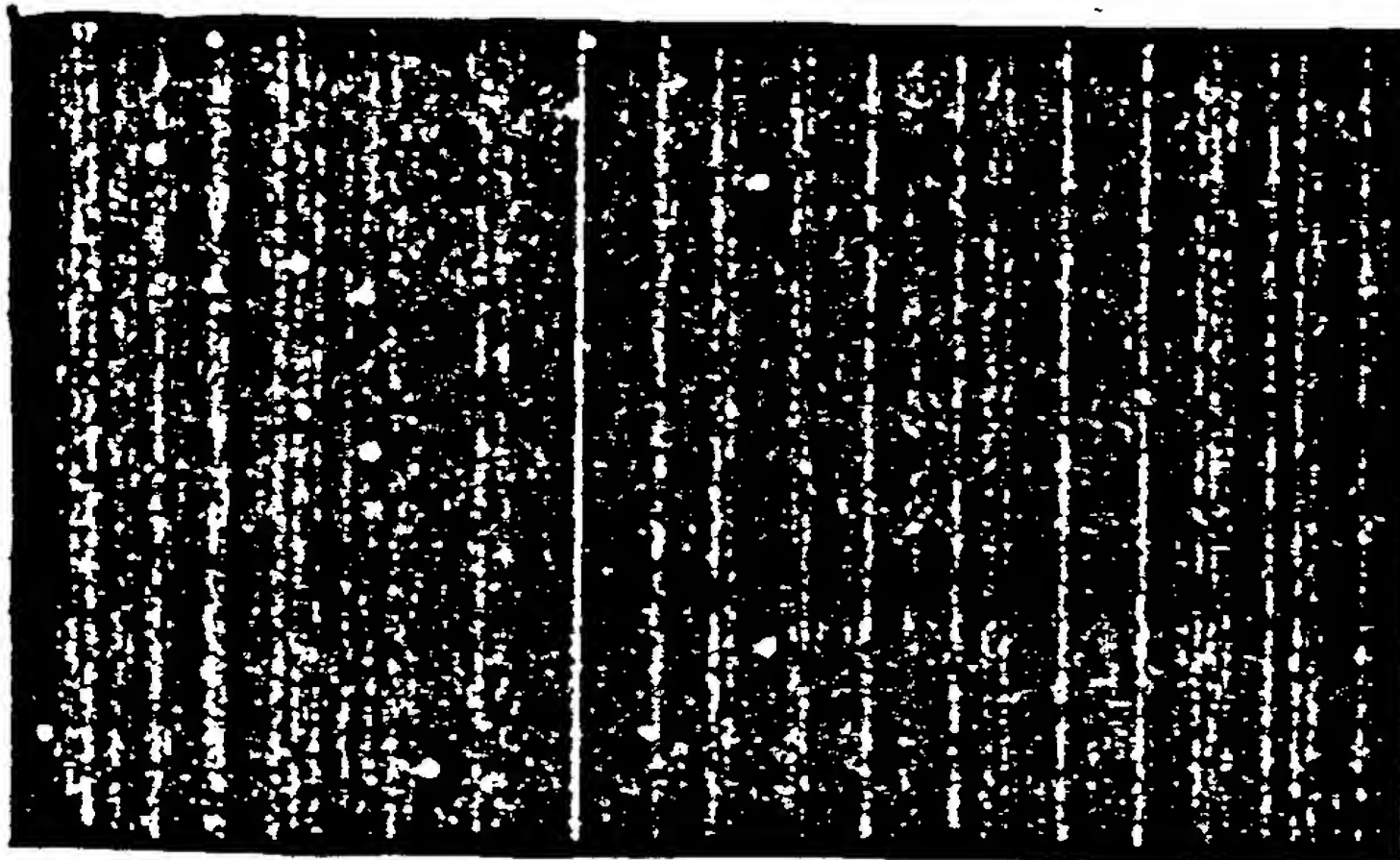
44-28601-80	39	3-26-65
WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE VIOLA LIUZZO		
<p>" Is this correct or were 2 revolvers used? H" State and Federal agents roped off a section along U.S. 80 today and began an inch by inch inspection of the spot where a white woman running a shuttle service for civil rights demonstration was slain by a sniper.</p>		

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Memo Rosen to Belmont. UNSUBS; VIOLA LIUZZO, UPI news release 3/26/65 states FBI said weapon was high-powered rifle. Director inquires. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Crime Records Div advised no release made by FBI. For info.		

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL VIOLA GRIGG LIUZZO, aka; LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b> <i>b7c</i>	TYPED BY <b>mjr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - EL</b>	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] *b7c* 3/30/65, at Mobile.

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LEADS:THE MOBILE DIVISIONAT SELMA, ALABAMA

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- 1 - USA, Montgomery, Ala.  
1 - Departmental Attorney  
Montgomery, Alabama  
④ - Birmingham  
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5 - Mobile (44-1245)

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NOTATIONS



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INFORMANTS

The following informants were contacted by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on March 19, 1965: b7c

[REDACTED] advised the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of Ku Klux Klan (United Klans), are not active in Lowndes County, Alabama. Informant stated at one time there was a chapter in Lowndes County, but this chapter was broken up. b7D

[REDACTED] advised he has spoken to a number of former Klansmen and other persons prone to violence who reside in the Lowndes County, Alabama, area and it is the general opinion of these people that they wanted no violence to occur in Lowndes County in connection with the Selma to Montgomery march. [REDACTED] advised that if any violence occurred, it would be caused by persons other than persons from Lowndes County. b7D

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] and no mention has been made of any action to protest the Selma to Montgomery civil rights march. [REDACTED] stated that although individual Klansmen are upset about this march, these Klansmen stated they would follow Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON's orders that nothing was to be done to interfere with this march. b7D

[REDACTED] advised ROBERT CREEK, Grand Dragon, State of Alabama, United Klans, has placed a call for all Klansmen in Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia to join a motorcade from Patterson Field, Montgomery to Selma, Alabama, which was scheduled to leave Montgomery at 2:00 p.m., March 21, 1965. [REDACTED] advised Klansmen in the motorcade were not to be armed and that the motorcade would disperse at Selma, Alabama, and the Klansmen were to take various routes home. b7D

[REDACTED] advised Klansmen were gathering at Patterson Field at approximately 12:30 p.m. March 21, 1965. Informant advised ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and BOB CREEL, Grand Dragon, State of Alabama, were in town for the motorcade and that approximately 50 cars had already gathered for the motorcade. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that there were still some out-of-town Klansmen in Montgomery, Alabama. Informant advised he had heard of no planned activity on the part of Klansmen to do anything in regard to the Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, march. b7D

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] United Klans, met on March 4, 1965, and denounced any political support for L. B. SULLIVAN, Montgomery Police Commissioner, because SULLIVAN had allowed permits to be granted for Negroes to demonstrate in Montgomery. Informant advised that on March 11, 1965, the regularly scheduled meeting of Den 11, United Klans, Montgomery, Alabama, had met and that Klansmen were angry about civil rights agitators from outside the State of Alabama coming to Montgomery and causing civil rights demonstrations. b7D

[REDACTED] GENE VANN, Exalted Cyclops, Lawrenceville Lodge 610, United Klans, Montgomery, Alabama, had telephoned Klansmen who belonged to Confederate Den 11, United Klans, and asked them to participate in the demonstration by white people to be held on March 21, 1965, to protest outside agitators being in Montgomery, Alabama. This march was to originate in the Square in Montgomery and go to the State Capitol where speeches were to be made. VANN did not indicate the organizations which were to participate in the demonstration, but merely referred to them as white people. Informant observed this march and observed several persons in the march that he recognized as belonging to Lawrenceville Lodge 610, United Klans, but was unable to identify them. b7D

[REDACTED] advised groups of white persons had met at Crampton Bowl, Montgomery, Alabama, and had paraded to the Federal Building to protest the United States Government's assistance to outside agitators. This march was held on March 20, 1965.

[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] advised that on March 20, 1965, CHARLES WILKINSON, Exalted Cyclops, Den 11, United Klans, Montgomery, Alabama, had made a statement that the United States Government had issued an order permitting the Negroes to march and that the Negroes will march. WILKINSON stated the best thing to do was to stay away from the Selma to Montgomery civil rights march and to follow the instructions of Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON by having nothing to do with this march.

[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] advised he has heard nothing concerning the killing of VIOLA LUIZZO from Klansmen. Informant is of the opinion the Klan will not meet in the Montgomery area for some time due to the fact that they believe they will be watched.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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1 - USA, Montgomery, Alabama  
1 - Departmental Attorney,  
Montgomery, Alabama

Report of:  
Date:

SA [REDACTED] b7c  
4/1/65

Office: MOBILE, ALABAMA

Field Office File #: MO 44-1245

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Title: EUGENE THOMAS;  
ET AL  
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO - VICTIM;  
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: Investigation at Detroit disclosed VIOLA LIUZZO had been involved in an arrest under Warrant #208967, in Detroit, on a charge of failing to send children to school. She was fined \$50 and placed on one year's probation. The sentencing judge stated in his opinion VIOLA LIUZZO was a professional crusader; that she was convicted only because she insisted on being convicted. Several unmailed letters found in Mrs. LIUZZO's automobile after death describe her feelings over the demonstration in which she was participating indicating she was deeply involved emotionally in the movement. [REDACTED] b7c

Interviews with habitués of the Silver Moon Cafe, Selma, failed to disclose any further corroboration of the presence of the subjects there. Two Craig AFB students describe an incident on the highway wherein they placed an individual near the crime scene who answers Victim MOTON's description.

The results of the post-mortem investigation conducted by the State of Alabama, Department of Toxicology and Criminal Investigation, assessed the cause of the Victim's death as the bullet wound which almost completely severed the spinal cord at the base of the brain. No other significant findings were noted in the post-mortem report.

A certified copy of the birth record for the Victim LIUZZO has been secured.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND OF VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO

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By communication of March 27, 1965, the Detroit Office advised as follows:

[REDACTED] Records Division, Michigan Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan, on March 26, 1965, advised that 1963 Oldsmobile coupe, with 1965 Michigan license EJ 9177, is registered to ANTHONY J. LIUZZO at 19375 Marlowe, Detroit, Michigan. This vehicle has Vehicle Identification Number 632M60486. b7c

[REDACTED] Drivers' Service Division, Michigan Secretary of State's Office, advised that operator's license number L200-847-015-283 was issued April 16, 1963, to a VIOLA LIUZZO, born April 11, 1925, residing at 19375 Marlowe, Detroit. The license described VIOLA LIUZZO as female, blond hair, gray eyes, 5'2½", 127 pounds. b7c

[REDACTED] Identification Division, Detroit Police Department, advised that a VIOLA LIUZZO, 19375 Marlowe, Detroit, Michigan, born on April 11, 1925, was arrested June 16, 1964, charged with "failing to send children to school." The arrest card indicated that a VIOLA FAUVER LIUZZO, of 19375 Marlowe, a resident of Detroit for 13 years prior to June 16, 1964, had been arrested by officers of the Detroit Police Department on June 16, 1964, at 8:45 a.m. at 13365 Schaefer, Detroit, Michigan. VIOLA FAUVER LIUZZO was arrested on warrant 208967 on the complaint of Mr. WILLIAM LAKIN, 5057 Woodward, Detroit, Michigan, the latter being associated with the Detroit Board of Education. The disposition of the arrest was shown as one year probation and \$50.00 fine. b7c

The court file was Detroit Recorders Court file number 208967.

Detroit Recorders Court Judge JOSEPH GILLIS, on March 26, 1965, advised that he recalled the case concerning VIOLA LIUZZO, and stated that he was of the opinion that VIOLA LIUZZO was a professional crusader. Her complaint at the time she was brought before him on a charge of failure to send children to school, was the fact that in Detroit children are permitted to drop out of school at the age of 16 and VIOLA LIUZZO felt that the children should not be

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permitted to drop out of school until reaching the age of 18, and for that reason she refused to send her own children to school.

Judge JOSEPH GILLIS stated that he adjourned the case from June 16, 1964, to September, 1964, hoping that VIOLA LIUZZO would be able to adjust this matter without his aid and that during that period he received a letter from the Detroit Board of Education advising that they did not desire to prosecute. Judge GILLIS stated that he was willing to drop the matter but that VIOLA LIUZZO insisted on being tried and entered a plea of guilty, and that he then placed her on one year's probation with a fine of \$50.00. Judge GILLIS stated that after the trial he received information from the Probation Department of the Detroit Records Court that VIOLA LIUZZO was emotionally disturbed and appeared to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

The records of the Detroit Division indicate that one VIOLA LIUZZO had addressed a letter to the "Detroit Free Press," a newspaper published daily at Detroit, Michigan, in which VIOLA LIUZZO belittled the United States Government's charges against JAMES R. HOFFA, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

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The Philadelphia Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that a certification of birth for VIOLA FAUVER GREGG, who is the Victim LIUZZO, was obtained from the Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on March 31, 1965, is being forwarded to the Mobile Division.

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II. CHAIN OF EVIDENCE REGARDING BULLET TAKEN FROM  
VICTIM'S CAR

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III.

INVESTIGATION REGARDING SUBJECTS AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Date March 9, 19651

Mr. JOHN STOLECKI, General Manager, Bama Department Store, 810 Southern By-Pass, Montgomery, advised he was in the store on March 25, 1965, when four men, all well-dressed in business suits, came into the store at approximately five or six P.M.

He said two men were larger in frame than the other two and that all four appeared rough looking.

STOLECKI said that GEORGE LEONARD, a salesman in the store, waited on the four men in the Sporting Goods Department. He said that one of these man had a scar from his eye to the lower portion of his nose. He stated that he could not remember on which side of the face this scar appeared.

STOLECKI was shown photographs of WILKINS, ROWE, THOMAS and EATON. He said that he could not identify the photographs as being the same four men that were in the store on March 25, 1965.

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] *b7c*  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/1/651

RICHARD McDANIEL, Department Manager, Bama Department Store, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that on Thursday, March 25, 1965, 4 men inquired about high powered rifle ammunition. He said they were dressed in suits and sport coats and all were wearing neck ties.

McDANIEL said it was about 1 PM when the 4 men were in the store inasmuch as he went to lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 PM that day, and the 4 men were at the sporting goods counter as he returned from lunch.

He said one individual did inquire about .357 caliber ammunition. He said he told them about the Gun Shop which is close by on the Southern By Pass Highway to the East. McDANIEL was shown photographs of EUGENE THOMAS, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., and COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, and stated he could not identify the photographs as being identical with the 4 individuals in the store.

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FRED LOUIS DALETT, Manager, Milner Graystone Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that to his knowledge VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO was not registered in the hotel on March 24 or 25, 1965, and that no medical doctor had been called to the hotel to treat a civil rights worker or guest in the hotel on March 24 or 25, 1965. DALETT further advised that there were many instances of persons other than registered guests bringing sleeping bags into the hotel and sleeping on the floor in rooms of registered civil rights workers.

DALETT stated he observed a woman in the lobby on several occasions on the 24th and 25th of March, 1965, who he believed to be associated with the demonstrators and from conversations he overheard and telephone calls she made from the desk, believed that she was involved with the arranging of transportation and transporting civil rights demonstrators between Selma and Montgomery.

DALETT furnished the following description of this unknown woman:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	About 38 or 39
Weight	About 135
Height	5' 4" to 5' 5"
Hair	Straight, reddish color
Dress	Farm type blue jeans and T-shirt
Manner of speech	Educated, intelligent speech with northern accent.

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On March 30, 1965, KEN R. LUNDQUIST and BERT GAFFORD, JR., co-owners of Gun Shop, 4326 South Court Street, Montgomery, Alabama, advised SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] that they did not recall 4 men entering the store anytime on March 25, 1965. Both men stated that have not sold any rifle or pistol ammunition to people they did not know since last Wednesday, March 24, 1965. b7c

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On March 1, 1965, Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c  
ascertained the following information from Major General  
ALFRED HARRISON, Adjutant General for State of Alabama:

The military personnel guarding the route of  
the March on March 25, 1965 in Montgomery, was integrated  
with units from the 503 MP Battalion (regular Army), Ft.  
Bragg, North Carolina; the 31st MP Company, Alabama National  
Guard from Birmingham; and the 156th MP Battalion, Headquarters,  
from Linden, Alabama.

There is no record of names or ranks of persons  
stationed at particular points along the parade route, and  
other than the above, there is no way of pinpointing the name  
or rank of any individual.

The remaining manner of determining the identity  
of this Major would be to interview all majors assigned to  
the above listed units.



Date 4/1/651

Photographs of the following business establishments were taken using a 4x5 Speed Graphic Camera with Kodak Tri-X film:

American Oil Company Service Station, 351 Dexter Avenue, on northwest corner of Dexter Avenue and Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Photo taken from center of Dexter Avenue looking north.

Jack's Grill, located on U. S. Highway 31 north of Montgomery, Alabama, and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west of the overpass leading to the main entrance to Maxwell Air Force Base. Photo taken looking northwest. Grill is located on north side of Highway 31.

Old Hickory Bar-B-Q located on southwest corner of intersection of U. S. Highway 31 and Alabama Route 14 at Prattville, Alabama. This establishment is directly across Route 14 from the Go-Go Restaurant.

Go-Go Restaurant, located on northwest corner of intersection of U. S. Highway 31 and Alabama Route 14 at Prattville, Alabama. This photo shows a water tank in the background with the lettering "PRATTVILLE". The tank is painted aluminum while the lettering is faded red. This restaurant is directly north across Route 14 from the Old Hickory Bar-B-Q.

The original negatives of these photos were developed in Montgomery, Alabama.

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by SA [REDACTED] 17-B Date dictated 4/1/65

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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On April 1, 1965, photographs of EUGENE THOMAS, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., and a 1962 Chevrolet, Impala, color red and white, bearing Alabama License 1B-36964, were shown to the following individuals with negative results:

CHARLES FREEMAN, Owner, Freeman's Amoco Station,  
Route #6, Box 35-A, Montgomery, Alabama;

NORMAN WELCH, Manager, Taylor's American Station,  
2310 Birmingham Highway, Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. FREEMAN stated he is the owner and operator of Freeman's Amoco Station, and remains at the station until closing time each night. He stated he can think of no one else who was at the station, other than himself, on March 25, 1965, between the hours of 8:30 and 9:00 PM.

Mr. WELCH stated he is the manager of Taylor's American Station and was the only employee there during the evening of March 25, 1965. Mr. WELCH further stated that on March 25, 1965, Taylor's American Station was closed at about 8:00 PM, which is the normal closing time for each Thursday.

It is to be noted that the above-described American Service Stations were the only ones observed on Highway #31, North, from the North City Limits of Montgomery, Alabama, to within fifty miles of Birmingham, Alabama.

W. TOM JONES, American Oil Company Distributor in Montgomery, Alabama, advised SA [REDACTED] that all charge tickets for March 25, 1965, have been forwarded to the Credit Department, American Oil Company, 910 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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IV. INVESTIGATION REGARDING SUBJECTS AT SELMA, ALABAMA



Date 3/30/65

SPENCER EUGENE COONER, home address, Route #1, Townley, Alabama, employed as lineman, Alabama Power Company, advised that he has been in Selma since January 25, 1965, working on cross-country power lines to the Dan River Project.

He related that he eats dinner regularly at three or four restaurants in Selma, one of which is the Silver Moon Cafe.

COONER recalls eating at the Silver Moon Cafe on Thursday evening, March 25, 1965. He estimates that he arrived at the cafe at approximately 7:00 PM and stayed from 45 minutes to an hour.

COONER does not recall observing any well-dressed individuals in the cafe. He was shown photographs of subjects WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, EUGENE THOMAS, COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, and GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., but he could not identify them as being individuals he had ever seen. He was also shown a photograph of a 1962 Chevrolet, white over red, and advised that he could not recall having seen this vehicle in the area of the Silver Moon Cafe at any time.

COONER explained that he always goes to dinner with a group of four or five other Alabama Power Company employees who work on the same crew that he does. Whenever this group goes into a restaurant for dinner, they always sit at the same table, converse among themselves, and generally do not associate, pay any attention to, or converse with local citizens who may be in the restaurant.

COONER could furnish no further information.

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by BA [redacted] and b7c  
BA [redacted] /bah Date dictated 3/30/65

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Date 3/31/651

DAVID GAMBLE, also known as SHORTY, 1214 Railroad, was interviewed at his residence and furnished the following information:

He advised that he works on a part-time basis at the Silver Moon Cafe, 138 Washington Street, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. His duties consist of washing dishes and cleaning the restaurant on these two days.

He stated that on March 25, 1965, he was not working at the Silver Moon Cafe, and the first time that he heard that a person was killed on Highway 80 east of Selma was that evening while he was watching television, and a news bulletin was flashed over television concerning the killing.

He advised that he could not furnish any information in connection with this killing nor did he hear of anyone who may have been involved in the killing of VIOLA LIUZZO the night of March 25, 1965.

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by SA [REDACTED] and b7c  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/30/65

Mr. MORRIS PERRY, 2520 Water Street, advised that he recalls being in the Silver Moon Cafe on Thursday, March 25, 1965, at approximately 3:00 PM for a little while after which he left. He said later on that evening between 6:00 and 6:30 PM, he came back to the Silver Moon Cafe where he met HUGHIE CLAY NICHOLS, a fellow employee at Baggett Transfer Company who was already in the cafe. He said that they had a cup of coffee together, during which NICHOLS told him about a trip he was making for the company hauling material to various nearby cities and also to Birmingham, Alabama. PERRY stated that he was on vacation and had planned to take a ride with NICHOLS on this trip, and after approximately 20 minutes in the cafe, he went across the street to the Coffee Pot Cafe to call his mother to tell her he was going on this trip and would be away from home over night, whereupon they departed in a company truck and returned to Selma the next day.

PERRY recalled that PETE LACKEOS and OUIDA LARSON were the only two people he can specifically remember who were working at the Silver Moon but could not recall what other customers, if any, were in there at that time. He stated that he and NICHOLS sat at a table in front of the juke box, and he did not notice any strangers, particularly four men dressed in suits.

PERRY stated he was unable to identify photographs of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, EUGENE THOMAS, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, and GARY THOMAS ROWE as anyone he has ever seen and stated he did not notice a 1962 Chevrolet, white over red, parked anywhere around the Silver Moon that evening.

He stated that he recalls seeing photographs in the newspapers of the four men arrested in Birmingham, Alabama, for killing some white woman on the highway between Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, and at that time looked them over carefully and did not recognize any of them as people he knew.

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Date 3/30/65

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Flight Cadet SYED ZAHIRUL-HASAN ZAIDI, 3615th Student Squadron, Craig Air Force Base, Alabama, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the investigation, at which time he furnished the following information:

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Flight Cadet AAMER ALI SHARIEFF, 3615th Student Squadron, Craig Air Force Base, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the investigation.

SHARIEFF stated that he is from Pakistan and is currently taking flight training with the United States Air Force. At about 8 o'clock on March 25, 1965, he was driving his 1959 blue Corvette convertible, with the top down, bearing Texas license HZ 9576, from Dannelly Field, Montgomery, Alabama, to Craig Air Force Base, along on Highway 80. In the car with SHARIEFF was another air cadet from Pakistan by the name of SYED ZAHIRUL-HASAN ZAIDI.

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After passing the man on the Highway, SHARIEFF did not see him again as it was a dark night with no moon and he did not know whether or not this man fell into a ditch on the side of the road.

SHARIEFF stated he was born August 24, 1946, at Hyderabad Deccan, India. He expects to be at Craig Field until August 4, 1965. After this date, contact can be made with him through Captain LIGON, Foreign Liaison Officer at Craig Field. He stated that his Service Number is PAK 4099 and he currently resides at BOQ 376, Room 114.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 30, 19651

[REDACTED] b7c  
was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He advised that he is an Alabama State Trooper and on March 25, 1965, he was working with Patrolman [REDACTED] b7c on a tour of duty extending from 3 P.M. to 12 midnight. He recalled he was on a radar surveillance on Highway 80 East of Selma, Alabama, that evening. He did not observe a 1955 gray Ford with an out-of-state license plate earlier that evening and at 8:15 P.M. he went to supper. He advised that he returned to patrol duty in the same area with HAGOOD about 9:15 P.M., at which time he learned about a shooting which had occurred along the highway. He received instructions to be alert for the above-mentioned Ford; however, he did not observe this automobile the remainder of his time on duty.

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Date March 30, 19651

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Date 3/30/65

O. T. JACKSON, home address 128 Washington Avenue, Selma, Alabama, furnished the following information:

JACKSON advised that on Monday, March 22, 1965, he began working for his father at the Black and White Cab Company on Washington Avenue, Selma, Alabama, as a taxicab dispatcher.

He stated that he was not in the Silver Moon Cafe on March 25, 1965, and could not identify photographs of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, EUGENE THOMAS, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, and GARY THOMAS ROWE as being any individuals he has ever seen. JACKSON also observed photographs of a red and white 1962 Chevrolet. He related that he had never seen this vehicle parked in the area of the Silver Moon Cafe to the best of his recollection.

JACKSON could furnish no further information in regard to this matter.

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Date 3/31/65

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R. E. LANGSTON, Route 1, Box 188, Billingsley, Alabama, was interviewed at his place of employment, Baggett Transportation Company, Selma, Alabama, and furnished the following information:

He advised he is a truck driver for Baggett Transportation Company and on March 25, 1965, he reported for work about 8:00 a.m. that morning. He stated he did not return from making his regular deliveries until 7:30 p.m. When he returned that evening, his wife, MARIE LANGSTON, was at the Baggett Transportation Company, waiting for him, at which time he got off work and his wife and he proceeded home and stayed there all evening. He stated that they did not stop along the way and were not at the Silver Moon Cafe that evening.

He stated that his wife was employed as a waitress at the Silver Moon Cafe for approximately 14 years and he stated that they visited the Silver Moon Cafe frequently.

He stated that he knows ELMER L. COOK, WILLIAM STANLEY and NAMON O'NEAL HOGGLE and R. B. KELLY, due to the fact that his wife worked at the Silver Moon Cafe and he became acquainted with them.

Mr. LANGSTON, after viewing the photographs of EUGENE THOMAS, Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, Sheriff's Office Number 113073, date of photograph March 26, 1965; WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, Sheriff's Office Number unknown, date of photograph March 26, 1965; COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, Sheriff's Office Number unknown, date of photograph March 26, 1965; and GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, Sheriff's Office Number 113076, date of photograph March 26, 1965, stated he was unable to identify any of these persons as being known to him.

Mr. LANGSTON, after viewing photographs of a 1962 red and white Chevrolet Impala, was unable to state whether

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he had seen this automobile in the vicinity of Selma, Alabama, on March 25, 1965.

Mr. LANGSTON could furnish no further information in connection with the killing which happened on Highway 80 east of Selma, Alabama, the evening of March 25, 1965.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/31/651

MARIE LANGSTON, Route 1, Box 188, Billingsley, Alabama, was interviewed at the Baggett Transportation Company, Selma, Alabama, and furnished the following information:

She advised that she leaves her house at approximately 4:30 p.m. each day and arrives at the Baggett Transportation Company approximately 5:00 p.m., where she waits for her husband, R. E. LANGSTON, who is employed at the Baggett Transportation Company as a truck driver.

On March 25, 1965, she arrived at Baggett Transportation Company as usual and picked up her husband who arrived late that evening approximately between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. She advised that both went directly home and did not leave their residence that night.

The first time she heard of a person being killed on Highway 80, east of Selma, Alabama, was that night when she was watching television and a news bulletin was flashed over television concerning this murder.

She further stated that she has worked at the Silver Moon Cafe, 138 Washington Street, Selma, Alabama, for about 14 years, but has not worked at this cafe during the past two years. Mrs. LANGSTON was unable to furnish any names of people who might patronize the Silver Moon Cafe.

She advised she knows R. B. KELLY, WILLIAM STANLEY and NAMON O'NEAL HOGGLE and ELMER COOK, due to the fact that they patronize the Silver Moon Cafe and she knew them when she was a waitress.

Mrs. LANGSTON could not furnish any information in connection with the killing which happened on Highway 80 east of Selma, Alabama, the evening of March 25, 1965.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/1/651

Mrs. FRANCES E. BOWDEN, 813 Pettus Street, Selma, Alabama, was interviewed and stated that she was in the vicinity of the 100 block of Washington Street, Selma, from 2 PM, March 25, 1965, until about 6 PM that evening at which time she left the Coffee Pot Cafe and went home. She advised she went home so her mother could attend church that evening. She advised she could furnish no information about the killing which took place on Highway 80 east of Selma, on March 25, 1965.

Mrs. BOWDEN after viewing the photographs of EUGENE THOMAS, Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, #113073, date of photo March 26, 1965; WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Ala., number unknown, date of photo March 26, 1965; COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Ala., number unknown, date of photo March 26, 1965, and GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., Sheriff's Office, Birmingham, Ala., #113076, date of photo March 26, 1965, stated she was unable to identify any of these persons as being known to her.

BOWDEN after viewing photographs of 1962 red and white Chevrolet Impala, was unable to state whether she had seen this automobile in vicinity of Selma, Alabama, on March 25, 1965.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/31/65

Mr. GRADY DEASON was contacted at the Reliable Oldsmobile Company, 16 Lawrence Street, and was shown photographs of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, EUGENE THOMAS, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, and GARY THOMAS ROWE, at which time he stated that he could not identify any of those persons as anyone he saw in the Silver Moon Cafe during the evening of March 25, 1965, and could not identify the photograph of the 1962 Chevrolet, red and white in color, as any automobile he noticed parked near the Silver Moon.

DEASON stated that while he was in the Silver Moon Cafe that evening he was with a friend of his, CECIL BRASHER, and they were talking together, and he did not notice who may have been around the Silver Moon while he was in there.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/1/65

WILLIAM TROY MITCHELL, employed as timekeeper with the Alabama Power Company, advised that he has been in Selma since January 25, 1965, working on cross-country power lines to the Dan River Project.

He related that he eats dinner regularly at three or four restaurants in Selma, one of which is the Silver Moon Cafe. MITCHELL stated he does not recall whether he ate at the Silver Moon Cafe on March 25, 1965.

MITCHELL, after observing photographs of EUGENE THOMAS, COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., and WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, advised that he could not recognize any of these individuals as being persons he had ever seen. He was also shown photographs of a 1962 Chevrolet automobile, white over red in color, and advised that he could not identify this car as being one that he ever saw in the area of the Silver Moon Cafe.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/1/65

NAMON O'NEAL HOGGLE was contacted at the Selma Motor Company, 100 block of Franklin Street, at which time he advised that he had been in the Silver Moon Cafe on the evening of Thursday, March 25, 1965, for a few minutes between 8:00 and 8:30 PM. He stated that he does not recall seeing anyone in the cafe wearing a suit, and he was unable to identify photographs of WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, EUGENE THOMAS, COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, or GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., as anyone he has ever met. He stated that he does not recall having any conversation whatever with any strangers in the Silver Moon Cafe that evening and could not identify photographs of a 1962 Chevrolet, white over red in color, as any car he has seen around Selma.

HOGGLE stated that he has no information whatever regarding this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted at Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Alabama, on April 1, 1965, by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] b7c

A2/C CURTIS SNEED and A3/C EDWARD ZILIAK advised that they were on duty at the main gate, Craig Air Force Base, between hours 3:30 PM and 12 midnight, on March 25, 1965. Both were displayed photographs of subjects and the car subjects were travelling in. Both SNEED and ZILIAK stated that this vehicle is unknown to them. They pointed out that they were the only officers on duty at the main gate and that there was no military police vehicle in the area. Both SNEED and ZILIAK are attached to Headquarters Squadron, 3165th Training Wing, in the capacity of Air Police.

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The following persons, all residents of Lawrence Street, Selma, Alabama, were contacted on March 31, 1965, by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c They were extensively interviewed and displayed photographs of subjects and subjects' vehicle to determine if any of them had observed this vehicle in the area of Lawrence Street on the evening of March 25, 1965. All persons contacted were unable to make any identification.

CHARLIE OLDS, 1518 Jeff Davis.  
MILTON HOPKINS, 113 C, Carver Homes.  
GERTRUDE SMITH, 713 Lawrence Street.  
AMANDA KEMP, 711 Lawrence Street.  
WILLIE SMITH, 707 Lawrence Street.  
ARTHUR SMITH, 707 Lawrence Street.  
ISAAC FULLER, 802 Lawrence Street.  
Mrs. BILLY LESTER, 904 Lawrence Street.  
Mrs. GREEN, 716 Lawrence Street.  
Mrs. STELLA DAVIS, 712 Lawrence Street.  
SALLY PEARL LUNDY, 708 Lawrence Street.  
Mrs. SMILEY, 710 Lawrence Street.  
Mrs. CHERIN, 710 Lawrence Street.  
ROSIE MARSHALL, 614 Lawrence Street.  
JOHN MC GHEE, 612 Lawrence Street.

Numerous other persons were located on Lawrence Street and displayed photographs of subjects' vehicle. All were unable to make any type of identification and their names were too numerous to record.

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1Date 4/1/65

Mr. W. W. CUNNINGHAM, JR., construction foreman, Alabama Power Company, was contacted on Highway 10, eight miles west of Luverne, Alabama, at which time he advised that G. K. SNOW, WILLIAM J. WEBSTER, and JERRY V. LEITH are members of his crew but at that time were out of contact back in the woods in an inaccessible area on the power line.

He stated that he knew the FBI had contacted SPENCER E. COONER and WILLIAM T. MITCHELL recently, who are members of his crew, regarding some activity around the Silver Moon Cafe in Selma, Alabama. He said he and his crew worked out of Selma for the past several weeks and they ate in several restaurants in Selma, including the Silver Moon. He stated they ate together and had no contact with local people in the restaurant and he was unable to identify photographs of ELMER L. COOK, R. B. KELLY, NAMON O'NEAL HOGGLE, and WILLIAM STANLEY HOGGLE. He was also unable to identify photographs of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., EUGENE THOMAS, and WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, as any persons he saw around the Silver Moon Cafe and was also unable to identify photographs showing a 1962 Chevrolet, white over red, as any vehicle he noticed in that area.

He stated that he does not recall if he even ate at the Silver Moon Cafe during the evening of March 9 and March 25, 1965, and did not witness any assault on three men in that area.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM said since he had learned that two of his men had been contacted by the FBI, he has questioned his entire crew of seventeen and they all have stated that they knew nothing about any assault or other incidents around the Silver Moon Cafe.

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SAs [redacted] b7c 36-c Mobile 44-1245  
by [redacted] Date dictated 4/1/65



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V.

KLAN PARADE PERMIT REQUEST

NO 44-1245

EARL JAMES, Mayor of Montgomery, Alabama, is the proper person to produce the application for the Parade Permit and the permission given to parade.

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Date April 1, 1965

Mrs. MARY NEWBERRY, Secretary to Commissioners of Public Affairs for Montgomery, Alabama, made available a copy of Parade Permit request by Knights of the Klux Klan dated March 20, 1965, which reads as follows:

"Board of Commissioner  
"City of Montgomery  
"Attention: L. B. Sullivan

"We The Knights of The Klux Klan of America, Inc. Respectively Request  
Permission to Parade in DOWNTOWN Montgomery, Alabama, March 21, 1965,  
Time: 2 O'Clock.

**Route:**

Starting Place: 1201 Madison Avenue, Parking Lot Across From  
Cranton Bowl,

Preceding West on Madison Ave to Bainbridge.

Bainbridge South to Dexter Ave.

West on Dexter Ave. to the Fountain on Court Square

**Return Route:**

East on Dexter Ave. to Bainbridge

North on Bainbridge to Madison Ave.

East on Madison to 1201 Madison, Parking Lot Across From Cranton  
Bowl, Disperse.

**Reason:**

To Protest Order Issued By Federal Court Allowing A Five Day  
Demonstration March From Selma, Alabama to Montgomery, Alabama.

Parade Director,

Bobby Shelton

"/s/ F. M. Vann"

On 3/31/65 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 44-1245  
by SA [REDACTED] /mjr 39 Date dictated 3/31/65

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AUTOPSY

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On April 1, 1965, PAUL E. SHOFFEITT, Assistant Director, State of Alabama, Department of Toxicology and Criminal Investigation, Auburn, Alabama, furnished SA [REDACTED] b7c a copy of the autopsy report prepared by his Department in connection with the case of VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, Case Number 50-49455.

The details of this report are as follows:

**SUBJECT: Post-Mortem Examination**

At the request of Major W. R. Jones, State Investigator, and with authorization of Circuit Solicitor Arthur E. Gamble, Jr., a post-mortem examination was conducted on the body of Viola Gregg Liuzzo, white female, at the White Chapel Funeral Home, Montgomery, Alabama. Time of examination was 12 midnight on March 25, 1965. Body was identified by State Investigator [REDACTED]. State and Federal Officers and funeral home personnel were present part of the time during the post-mortem examination. Guy V. Purnell, Toxicologist, of this Department assisted with the examination. b7c




**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

This is the unembalmed body of a moderately obese, white female, measured height 5 feet 2 inches and estimated weight 150 pounds, resembling the reported age of 39 years. Scalp hair is reddish-blonde. Teeth are natural with three upper left, two upper right, three lower left, and four lower right missing but not of recent extraction. After photographs are made, bloodstained clothing consisting of a girdle, torso brassiere, slip and dress is removed from body. Two rings on ring finger on left hand, one ring on right finger of right hand, and wrist watch on left wrist are delivered to State Investigator Lt. [REDACTED] b7c

Bloodstains cover the major portion of the head, neck, and face; especially, the left side. Bloodstains are also on hands and smaller stains are on lower extremities below the knees. Feet are soiled. Soiled areas also appear on the

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back of right hand. Body is washed and additional photographs are made. On lateral surface of upper arms are small dark areas. Fingernails are short with no free edge present. An old linear scar of the lower mid-abdomen is judged to be surgical. Lower abdomen is marked with white lines (striae atrophicae).



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**THORACIC-ABDOMINAL;**

The thoracic and abdominal cavities are opened with a Y incision. There is appreciable fat in the abdominal wall. No evidence of physical trauma is observed to organs of these cavities. Lungs possess the typical mottled, glistening outer surface with a crepitant feel. Heart is not remarkable in size. Coronaries are patent in the large observed sections. There is evidence of minimal atherosclerosis of the aorta in the area of the coronary orifices. An appreciable quantity of fat is around the kidneys. Capsules of kidneys peel easily revealing a smooth, slightly congested surface. A small quantity of a white milky liquid is observed in pelvis of each sectioned kidney. Stomach contains an estimated 5 ounces of a brownish, thick semiliquid. The appendix is not located. Uterus is non-pregnant. Adrenals, spleen, liver, and pancreas are not remarkable grossly.

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VII.

CRIME SCENE SEARCH

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klans, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,



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